



ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended “Our Example”

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Acts 4:36-37

Series Summary:

What happens when following Jesus becomes more than something we fit into our lives—and becomes what we build our lives around? In the opening chapters of Acts, we encounter ordinary people who held nothing back. They were united around one purpose, empowered by the Holy Spirit, radically generous with what they had, and willing to sacrifice for something bigger than themselves. They didn’t just believe in the mission of Jesus—they were **ALL IN**.

In this five-week series, **ALL IN**, we’ll discover what can happen when we follow their example and surrender our purpose, resources, and lives to God. Together, we’ll be challenged to ask: What could God do in us, through us, and through South Sub Church if we were **ALL IN**?

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Who is someone who has been a real encouragement to you? What did they do?
2. What is one generous act someone has done for you that you still remember?
3. Which do you think is more meaningful—giving something spontaneously or giving after carefully planning it? Why?
4. Have you ever given something away that was difficult for you to give up? What made you do it?
5. When you hear the word generous, what kind of person comes to mind?

Objective Questions:

1. What was the name of the man introduced in verse 36?
2. What tribe was Joseph from?
3. Where was Joseph originally from?
4. What name did the apostles give Joseph?
5. What does the name Barnabas mean?
6. What did Barnabas own?
7. What did Barnabas do with his property?
8. What did he do with the money from the sale?



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9. To whom did Barnabas bring the money?
10. According to the passage, did Barnabas place any stated conditions on how the money was to be used?

Interpretive Questions:

1. Why do you think Luke singles out Barnabas immediately after describing the generosity of the entire church in verses 32–35?
2. What does Barnabas’s decision to sell his land reveal about his priorities?
3. Barnabas brought the money to the apostles rather than controlling how it would be used. What might that tell us about trust and surrender in generosity?
4. Why do you think Luke mentions that the apostles called Joseph “Barnabas—the Son of Encouragement”? How might generosity be a form of encouragement?
5. What is the difference between giving something to God and truly surrendering something to God?

Application Questions:

1. Barnabas didn’t simply agree that generosity was important—he acted on it. Where is there a gap between what you believe about generosity and how you currently practice it?
2. Is there something God has entrusted to you—money, possessions, time, influence, abilities—that He may be asking you to use more generously?
3. Barnabas was willing to release something valuable for something more important. What makes it difficult for us to loosen our grip on what we have?
4. If someone looked only at how you use your resources, what would they conclude is most important to you?
5. What is one specific act of generosity you could take this week that would require you to trust God?