



ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended “Our Impact”

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Acts 5:12-16

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. What makes you want to be part of something bigger than yourself?
2. Who is someone whose life has had a positive influence on the people around them?
3. When have you seen excitement about something spread quickly from one person to another?
4. What qualities make a group of people attractive to outsiders?
5. When you think of a church making a real difference in its community, what does that look like?

Objective Questions:

1. According to verse 12, what were the apostles doing among the people?
2. Where did the believers regularly meet?
3. How does verse 12 describe the believers as they gathered together?
4. According to verse 13, how did the people outside the group regard the believers?
5. What continued to happen despite the hesitation mentioned in verse 13?
6. Who was being brought to the Lord?
7. According to verse 15, where were sick people being brought?
8. What did people hope would happen as Peter walked by?
9. From where did the crowds come to Jerusalem?
10. What happened to the sick and those troubled by evil spirits who were brought to the apostles?



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Interpretive Questions:

1. Verse 13 says people were hesitant to join the believers, yet verse 14 says “more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord.” How do you understand the apparent tension between those two statements?
2. What does the believers meeting together at Solomon’s Colonnade tell us about the importance of their shared community and public witness?
3. Why do you think the early church could be both highly respected and yet cause some people to hesitate before joining them?
4. What do the miracles and healings in this passage communicate about the power and authority of Jesus working through His church?
5. Looking at verses 12–16 as a whole, what characteristics of the early church seem to have contributed to its growing influence?

Application Questions:

1. The early church was visible enough that the surrounding community noticed what God was doing. How visible is the impact of our faith to the people around us?
2. Verse 14 says “more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord.” What role can each of us play in helping people encounter Jesus?
3. The believers were united and regularly gathered together. What can you personally do to strengthen the unity and community of your church?
4. People brought hurting individuals to the apostles because they believed they could encounter God’s power there. What would it take for our church to become increasingly known as a place where hurting people can find hope, compassion, and Jesus?
5. When you look at the early church in this passage, what is one characteristic you would most like to see become increasingly true of our church—and what part can you play in making that happen?