

ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended

Our Resources

Acts 4:32-35

Weekly Takeaway:

ALL IN begins when God's mission becomes our mission.

Day 1

A Shared Mindset

Scripture: Acts 4:32a — *"All the believers were one in heart and mind."*

Insight The early church was characterized by a profound internal unity that went beyond surface-level agreement. To be "one in heart and mind" meant that their desires, values, and driving passions were totally aligned around the Gospel. This was not a forced uniformity or an administrative rule, but a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit moving through thousands of individuals. Because their allegiance to Jesus eclipsed all worldly divisions, their focus shifted from personal gain to mutual care.

Application Unity in the church begins in the heart long before it shows up in our actions. It is easy to hold tightly to our own opinions, priorities, or possessions, but the Gospel invites us to hold them with an open hand. When we align our hearts with Jesus, we begin to view our fellow believers not as strangers, but as family. Ask yourself today if there are personal preferences or selfish motives keeping you from being truly united with your church community.

Checkpoint

GIVE - trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. Generosity starts with an attitude of unity and trust. When our hearts are aligned with God and His people, holding onto our resources tightly no longer makes sense.

Prayer Lord, unite my heart with my brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can glorify You together. Help me lay down my self-interest and live with the single-minded focus of loving Your church. Amen.

Day 2

Open-Handed Living

Scripture: Acts 4:32b — *"No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had."*

Insight In Greco-Roman society, personal ownership and social status were fiercely guarded. Yet, the believers in Jerusalem adopted a radical view of stewardship: they recognized that everything they owned ultimately belonged to God. They did not abolish private property, but rather relinquished their *claim* to exclusive ownership. Possessions were no longer tools for self-preservation or personal comfort, but assets entrusted to them by God to bless the wider community.

Application It is natural to look at our bank accounts, homes, and abilities and think, "I worked hard for this; it's mine." But when we surrender to Jesus, our mindset must shift from ownership to stewardship. God gives us resources not just for our enjoyment, but to build His Kingdom. Look around your life today—your car, your extra room, your disposable income—and ask how God might want you to use those gifts to bless someone else.

Checkpoint

GIVE - trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. True generosity happens when we stop claiming ultimate ownership over our belongings. Trusting God allows us to share freely, knowing He is the true source of all we have.

Prayer Father, remind me today that everything I have comes from Your hand. Give me the grace to release my grip on my possessions and use them for Your glory. Amen.

Day 3

The Power of Grace

Scripture: Acts 4:33 — *"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all."*

Insight The financial and social generosity of the early church did not happen in a vacuum; it was fueled by the power of the Gospel. As the apostles proclaimed the resurrected Jesus, God's grace saturated the entire community. Grace was not merely a theological concept to them—it was an active, transforming power. Experiencing the overwhelming, undeserved generosity of God through Jesus made it natural for believers to act with overwhelming generosity toward one another.

Application Generosity is never sustained by willpower or guilt; it flows out of a deep gratitude for what God has done for us. When we truly grasp the grace we have received in the resurrection of Jesus, our hearts soften toward others. If you find it hard to give your time, resources, or energy, spend time reflecting on the gospel today. Remembering how rich you are in Christ will naturally inspire a generous life.

Checkpoint

GIVE - trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. God's grace empowers us to step past our financial fears and live open-handedly. When we rely on His resurrected power, generosity becomes our natural response to His love.

Prayer Jesus, thank You for the incredible power of Your resurrection and the overflowing grace You give me every day. Let that same grace fuel a heart of radical generosity in me. Amen.

Day 4

Eradicating Need

Scripture: Acts 4:34 — *"That there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales..."*

Insight The impact of the early church's generosity was tangible and historic: "there were no needy persons among them." This was not achieved through systemic government programs, but through voluntary, situational sacrifices made by individuals. When a genuine need arose within the church, believers responded proactively, sometimes selling significant assets like real estate to provide relief. Their commitment to one another ensured that no one suffered in isolation.

Application God calls the church to be a place where practical love meets real-world needs. Living generously means keeping our eyes open to the tangible struggles of those around us. It requires us to move past passive sympathy and take active, sacrificial steps to help. Is there a need in your local church or community that God is prompting you to meet? Consider what it might look like to adjust your lifestyle so you can meet that need.

Checkpoint

GIVE - trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. Generosity isn't just about small acts of kindness; it's about making real sacrifices so that others don't carry their burdens alone. Trusting God enables us to give sacrificially to meet tangible needs.

Prayer Lord, open my eyes to the needs of the people in my church family and community. Give me a willing heart to make sacrifices so that others can experience Your provision. Amen.

Day 5

Stewarding for the Mission

Scripture: Acts 4:35 — *"...and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need."*

Insight When the early believers sold their property, they brought the proceeds and "laid it at the apostles' feet." This gesture signified trust, humility, and submission to leadership. Rather than distributing gifts based on personal preference or seeking recognition for their donations, they trusted the spiritual leaders to discern where the funds were needed most. This structured, community-centered distribution ensured that resources were managed wisely and reached those in true need.

Application Living generously involves partnering with the local church to accomplish God's work. When we give through the church rather than just independently, we participate in a collective mission that reaches far beyond our personal scope. It takes humility to give without needing to control every outcome, but doing so reflects trust in God's design for His body. Let us commit to supporting the local church with our resources so the ministry can thrive.

Checkpoint

GIVE - trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. Bringing our gifts to the church reflects trust in God's authority and wisdom. When we give generously through the local church, we partner together to impact lives for eternity.

Prayer God, give me a humble and trusting heart as I bring my resources to support Your church. Use my giving to strengthen our church family and advance Your mission in the world. Amen.

