

ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended

Our Impact

Acts 5:12-16

Weekly Takeaway:

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

Day 1

The Power of Unity in Presence

Scripture: Acts 5:12

Insight

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people, demonstrating that the presence and power of God were actively moving through them. These miracles were not isolated shows of power; they occurred while the believers regularly gathered together in Solomon's Colonnade. This public porch area of the Temple provided a space where the early church maintained visual, physical, and spiritual unity before the surrounding community. Their unified presence in a public space served as the springboard through which God displayed His miraculous work.

Application

It is easy to view spiritual growth as a purely private endeavor, but God's power works uniquely when His people come together in unity. Choosing to consistently gather with the church isn't just about marking an attendance box. It positions us to witness and participate in what God is doing. When we prioritize gathering together in the spaces God has placed us, we create an environment where His presence is visible to those around us. Being **ALL IN** means aligning your regular habits to ensure you are connected with the body of Christ.

Checkpoint

Gather - Centering your life around God's presence and His people. The early believers gathered intentionally in Solomon's Colonnade to seek God's presence together. Choosing to center your life around regular gathering puts you in a position to see God's power at work in and through His church.

Prayer

Lord, align my heart and schedule so that gathering with Your people remains a central priority in my life. Let Your presence and power be made clear through our unity. Amen.

Day 2

Fostering Authentic Community

Scripture: Acts 5:13

Insight

While the believers were held in high regard by the general public, others were hesitant to join them carelessly. The serious nature of God's holiness - especially following the recent judgment of Ananias and Sapphira - created a healthy reverence among the surrounding community. People recognized that being part of this community was not a casual decision. Yet, despite the fear of superficial involvement, the church's authentic reputation and reverence for God commanded great respect throughout Jerusalem.

Application

Living as part of the church requires a moving past surface-level faith into true accountability and reverence. God calls us into deep, authentic connections where His holiness is respected and His grace is shared. When we take our commitment to Christ and His body seriously, the world takes notice. Being **ALL IN** means refusing to settle for a distant, consumer-based faith and instead stepping into intentional, transparent relationships where God's presence shapes how we live and treat one another.

Checkpoint

Connect - Choosing authentic community over isolated faith. The early believers maintained a community defined by real holiness and deep respect, which stood out to everyone around them. Stepping into authentic community requires us to leave isolation behind and embrace honest, life-giving relationships with other believers.

Prayer

Father, remove any hesitation I have toward real fellowship and help me build transparent relationships within Your church. May our life together show the world the depth and reverence of knowing You. Amen.

Day 3

Generous Faith That Draws Others

Scripture: Acts 5:14

Insight

Despite the awe and high standard surrounding the early church, large numbers of men and women continued to believe in the Lord and were added to their group. The holy integrity of the church did not push people away; instead, it attracted those who genuinely sought truth and transformation. The rapid growth of the church showed that when believers live out their faith fully surrendered to God, the message of salvation spreads dynamically and draws people into the kingdom.

Application

God never intended for His church to remain static; He designs dynamic growth as lives are changed by the Gospel. When we live with open hands and surrendered hearts, God uses our lives and resources to attract others to Himself. Living generously with your time, faith, and story helps lower the barriers for people seeking God. Being **ALL IN** means trusting God so completely that your changed life becomes a compelling testimony that draws men and women toward faith in Jesus.

Checkpoint

Give - Trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you. The expansion of the early church occurred as believers freely offered their lives and resources to God's work. Trusting God with everything He has given you allows Him to use your generosity to impact the lives of others.

Prayer

God, give me a generous heart that trusts You with all that I have. Use my resources, time, and life to point others toward faith in Jesus. Amen.

Day 4

Bringing the Hurting to Jesus

Scripture: Acts 5:15

Insight

People were so convinced of God's power working through the apostles that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on mats, hoping that even Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. The shadow itself possessed no magical properties, but it represented the undeniable, tangible presence of God resting upon His faithful servants. The desperate efforts of the people showed their firm belief that encountering God's presence through His servants would bring healing.

Application

There are people all around you carrying physical, emotional, and spiritual pain who need an encounter with Jesus. We are called to be the hands and feet that bring hurting people into proximity with God's grace. This means looking beyond your daily routines to notice those who are suffering and actively bringing them into spaces where they can experience Christ. Being **ALL IN** means taking the initiative to introduce people to the healing power of Jesus through your care, presence, and intentional outreach.

Checkpoint

Invite - Leading others toward the hope and grace of Jesus. The people in Jerusalem brought their sick into the streets so they could encounter the power of God. Being ALL IN means actively bringing hurting people in your life toward the hope, healing, and grace found in Christ.

Prayer

Jesus, give me compassionate eyes to see the suffering around me and the courage to bring them to You. Use my life to lead hurting people into Your healing presence. Amen.

Day 5

Compassion in Action

Scripture: Acts 5:16

Insight

Crowds gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and every single one of them was healed. The ministry of the early church was characterized by

complete, holistic restoration that addressed both physical illness and spiritual oppression. The apostles did not turn anyone away; instead, they demonstrated the limitless compassion and power of Jesus by meeting people at their point of greatest need and bringing complete wholeness.

Application

Ministry is not meant to be selective or convenient; it requires stepping directly into the pain of the world with Christ-like compassion. God calls us to serve those who are broken, hurting, or marginalized without reservation. When we sacrifice our comfort to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others, we reveal the heart of Jesus to a desperate world. Being **ALL IN** means choosing practical, compassionate action over personal ease, ensuring that no one around us is left to suffer alone.

Checkpoint

Serve - Choosing compassionate action over personal convenience. The early church served every person who came to them seeking relief, leaving no one behind. Being ALL IN requires us to step out of our comfort zones to actively love, serve, and meet the real needs of those around us.

Prayer

Lord, fill my heart with Your compassion and move me to action whenever I see someone in need. Help me choose selflessly serving others over my own personal comfort. Amen.