



ALL IN

The Church As Jesus Intended

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“Our Purpose”

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. When you face a difficult situation, what is usually your first response?
2. Who is someone you know that you would describe as a bold person? What makes them bold?
3. What is something you’ve prayed for recently that God answered in an unexpected way?
4. Do you find it easier to pray alone or with other people? Why?
5. If you knew God would answer one prayer for your church right now, what would you pray?

Objective Questions:

1. According to verse 23, where did Peter and John go after they were released?
2. What did Peter and John tell the other believers?
3. How did the believers respond when they heard their report?
4. How did they describe God at the beginning of their prayer?
5. Who did they say spoke through the Holy Spirit about opposition to God’s Messiah?
6. Who gathered against Jesus according to verses 27–28?
7. According to verse 28, what did the believers say about the actions of Herod, Pilate, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel?
8. What specific request did the believers make of God in verse 29?



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9. What did they ask God to do as they preached His Word?
10. What happened after they finished praying in verse 31?

Interpretive Questions:

1. Why do you think the believers began their prayer by focusing on who God is rather than immediately focusing on their problem?
2. The believers had just experienced serious opposition. Why do you think they prayed for boldness rather than asking God to remove the opposition?
3. What does verse 28 teach us about God's sovereignty even when people are acting against Him?
4. Why do you think Luke emphasizes that the believers prayed together rather than Peter and John simply praying by themselves?
5. Verse 31 says they were filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly preached God's Word. What connection do you see between prayer, the Holy Spirit, and boldness?

Application Questions:

1. When you experience opposition, fear, or uncertainty, are you more likely to pray for God to change the circumstances or to change and strengthen you in the circumstances? Why?
2. What is one situation in your life right now where you need greater boldness to follow Jesus?
3. The early believers prayed together when they faced a challenge. Who are the people you turn to for prayer when life becomes difficult?
4. If our church prayed the prayer of Acts 4:29 today—"Give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word"—what might change about the way we live and serve our community?
5. What is one specific step of boldness God may be asking you to take this week?