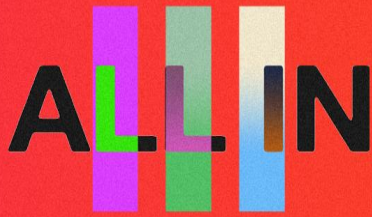


Week 1: We Gather

CHECK-IN	What positive impacts have you experienced from being connected to the body of Christ?
BIG IDEA	<p>Being “all in” means worshipping authentically, fostering deep community, and serving the world with love and compassion. It is about living with boldness, unity, and purpose, leaving behind half-measures to embrace a life of faith and service.</p> <p>The first G is gather. When we gather, we should come with expectancy. Drawing inspiration from Isaiah 6, we see how Isaiah’s encounter with God transformed his life.</p> <p>He experienced four key moments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Person—Isaiah encountered God’s holiness and majesty, reminding us that true worship begins with recognizing His greatness.2. A Perspective Change—In God’s presence, Isaiah saw his own sinfulness but was cleansed by grace. Worship changes how we see ourselves and our circumstances.3. A Purpose—Isaiah responded to God’s call with, “Here am I. Send me!” We, too, are called to live with purpose, embracing God’s mission in our lives.4. A People—Isaiah was sent to engage others, just as we are called to be bridges of hope and grace for the lost, broken, and seeking.



DISCUSS

Read Isaiah 6:1–9a.

1. **Encountering God:** Isaiah's vision began with an encounter with God's holiness. How have you personally experienced God's presence in your life? How did it change you?
2. **Perspective Shift:** Isaiah's perspective changed when he recognized his sinfulness and received God's grace. Please share a time how has worship or time with God shifted your perspective on a challenging situation?
3. **Living "All In":** The sermon emphasized being fully committed to God's mission, people, and purposes. What does being "all in" look like in your life right now? Are there areas where you feel hesitant to fully commit? Why?
4. **Purpose and Calling:** Isaiah responded to God's call with, "Here am I. Send me!" What do you feel God is calling you to do in this season? What are the challenges to fulfil that calling? How can the group support you in stepping into that purpose?

APPLY

How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?

1. **Building Bridges:** *the bridge* is called to be a community that connects people to God and each other. How can we, as individuals and as a group, act as bridges to those who are lost, hurting, or seeking? What one step can you take to become a bridge this week?
2. **Worship and Transformation:** The sermon highlighted that true worship leads to transformation. How has worship changed you recently? How do we prepare our heart each time when we worship? How can we approach worship with greater expectancy?
3. **Facing Challenges with Faith:** Like Asaph in **Psalms 73**, we often struggle to reconcile God's goodness with life's hardships. How can we encourage one another to trust God's perspective when life feels unfair or difficult?
4. **Community and Unity:** The sermon emphasized the importance of gathering as a family of believers. How can we strengthen our relationships within this group and foster a deeper sense of unity and purpose?



PRAYER PRACTICE
(15 minutes)

Please discuss the needs of each group member before leading your group through prayer.

Write down prayer requests for the group.

Either leader or another member can write.

Step 1: Begin the time of prayer by asking each member of the group to share one thing they need help with.

Step 2: Explain to the group that we will be praying for each other's prayer requests. Ask those who feel comfortable to pray for one of the requests given.

Step 3: Ask someone to pray first, then allow others to join in and pray afterwards.

Step 4: After all requests have been prayed for, the leader will allow a time of silence (approx. 1 minute), then will close the meeting by praying for any missed prayer requests and close the practice in a final prayer. (Leader can use the following or use his/her own.)

Dear God, as we step into this new season, transform us by Your power and guide us to be impactful bridges for others. Open our eyes to Your ways, align us with Your purpose, and unite us in love. May we worship with authenticity, serve with passion, and impact lives for Your glory. Amen.