

Message-based Study

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Connection

What is something about Autumn that you are looking forward to experiencing?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

Across history, the Christian message has at times been readily received, while at other times it has been largely rejected. Based on your experience, how would you describe where our culture is right now in its receptiveness to the good news about Jesus?

***Jesus, Peter and Paul each had something to say about what it looks like to be "all in".
As you partner with the church, you have a part to play in these three areas:***

Jesus says, "You have a part to play by showing the world something unique."

1. What is unique about what we, as believers, have to offer?

2. Jesus said that the watching world would know more about Him by seeing something unique among believers. What is this distinctive trait, according to John 17:20-21?

What is the result of this being lived out? (Hint: verse 21 explains it by saying "...so that...")

Conversely, what will be the result if Christians fail to live this out?

Paul says, "You have a part to play by helping things grow."

3. Paul wants every believer to realize that God has given us unique gifts to help things grow. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. Based on these verses, complete this statement:

God has given gifts to each Christian so that...

4. From verses 14, what is God trying to prevent?

What causes people today to be especially vulnerable to this danger?

5. From verse 15-16, what is God trying to accomplish?

What unique gifting do you have that God can use for these purposes?

Peter says, "You have a part to play by being who God made you to be.

6. Read I Peter 2:4-5. In these verses Peter explains that each believer is part of something God is building. Jesus is the cornerstone, but we are also stones which God, as a skillful stone mason, chooses to put in specific places. Consider where the Lord has placed you. List the places where you find yourself in the course of a week:

Take a moment to pray over the list you have made above, asking God to help you be a part of the spiritual temple He's building by living "all in" for Him in these places.

7. Peter also refers to Christians as "holy priests" in I Peter 2:5. Describe the role of the priest in Biblical times.

What would it look like for you to carry on this responsibility as one of God's "holy priests" today?

Commitment

Partnering together with our church means you're taking part in:

- showing the world something unique
- helping things grow
- being who God made you to be.

Have you taken the step to become a partner at Christ Community Church? ___ no ___ yes

- If no, what questions need to be answered for you to be ready to become a partner?
- If yes, what do you think your next step should be in light of this week's sermon?



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

Serving those around you is part of being "all in" where God has strategically placed you. This week, look for opportunities to care for those you rub shoulders with each day.