

Message-based Study

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Connection

Can you think of a time recently when you made a conscious decision to be "all in" on something (an opportunity, difficult phone call, trying something new, etc.)? Describe what that process felt like.

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

***Paul was "all in" on his faith and calling.
Look at his life and consider what it would look like for you to be
"all in" on your faith and calling.***

1. ALL IN ON WHO JESUS IS -

Everything has a beginning point. Being "all in" for Jesus had a beginning point for Paul. Look at the change that occurred in him by comparing Acts 9:1-2 and Acts 9:20-21. Sum up that transformation:

Previously Paul was...

Now Paul...

In the following passages, what phrases indicate that salvation in Christ is an "all in" proposition, meaning there is no back-up plan?

Romans 1:5

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 3:22-24

Romans 5:6-8

How about you? When was your beginning point in following Jesus? If you haven't begun following Him, what is holding you back?

2. ALL IN ON WHERE YOU ARE -

Paul was “all in” in each place where the Lord placed him. This mindset allowed him to see the opportunity there. Read Acts 16:9-14 for an example of this. Consider this statement:

God has prepared you for the place where you are

- and -

He has prepared the place where you are for you.

Are you “all in” on the work of God in the sphere of influence where God has you? On a scale of 1 - 10, how “all in” are you? Why?

3. ALL IN ON WHAT YOU REPRESENT -

When you represent something, it is evident to those around you, just like a bumper sticker on your car indicates something that you represent. What would be an example of a bumpersticker that would represent some of who you are (a team, school, company, something about your family, etc.)?

In a deeper sense, we serve as representatives of Jesus to those around us. But like Paul, we struggle to make Christ evident in our culture. How have you been able to represent Jesus in the different spheres in your life recently?

4. ALL IN ON WHY YOU WORSHIP

When faced with a task, we ponder the “how” of what needs to be done. But one of the most important questions to ask about anything is “why?” Romans 8:31-39 answers the “why” of worshipping Jesus. Read this passage and note below what inspires you to be “all in” in your worship of Jesus.

Commitment

Romans 12:9-18 lists some ways we represent Christ in the places we go each day. Read that passage, asking God which one is a next step as you take the opportunity to go “all in” for Jesus. Write it below:

I will _____



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

Listening with care to those around you is part of being “all in” where God has placed you. This week, make an effort to really listen to those you encounter each day. If there is openness, pray for them about what they’ve shared.