

all in

Week 5: Identify Your Mission

Gather Differently

Often when we experience an all church study, we are tempted to put a nice bow on the last week of the study and then ask, "What's next?" This time we are moving toward something different. We are inviting our adult church family to all go in the same direction by applying and putting into action the lessons we have been learning the last few weeks.

Every part of "All In" has been leading up to this week to MOVE you into action steps for the next 6 months. If you have identified your places, your people, your resources, and sacrifices and then don't do anything with this, you've missed the point and gravely underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit.

The call we've received through "All In" might seem demanding, but even the very first church had to be jolted out of Jerusalem to live out the mission Jesus personally called every one of his followers to pursue (remember Acts 1:8). The Church throughout history has needed a constant reminder about her mission and purpose.

This is our turn. You are poised to shift your journey with Jesus into another gear that will transform you and the people around you IF you are willing to step up and out of your current faith guardrails. We need to MOVE from consuming to contributing and that's the aim of this week. So as we end these five weeks, ask the Lord to MOVE your heart increasingly toward the mission that we are all called to fulfill.

Grow Intentionally

To shift mindset from consuming to contributing, spend time examining the following passage: 2 Corinthians 9

- What mindset shifts toward giving do you see in this passage toward giving?
- How does practicality meet generosity within this passage?
- What assurances of God's character do we find in this passage?
- What scares you about loving and serving others extravagantly?

Look again at our main passage for this week, and take some time to review Mark 14:3-11. Examine the following responses to the action that took place in this story:

- What was Mary's approach to Jesus?
- What was Judas' reaction to Mary?
- How did the other disciples respond?
- How did Jesus shift their mindset?
- Be honest, and knowing your own approach to money, serving, and sacrificing for other people, whose response would yours most reflect?

Pause and allow the following phrases to penetrate deeply into your mind and heart:

- You cannot be a real following of Jesus without fully committing to loving and serving others
- Complete sacrifice (see Romans 12:1) is the only adequate expression from a life that has been redeemed by God.
- A beautiful gift is not restrained by practicality.
- A beautiful gift is motivated by an obedience to the Holy Spirit's prompting.
- A beautiful gift prioritizes Jesus over all other things.

Next, take some time to pray and ask specifically for the Holy Spirit to move your mind and heart in the following ways:

1. Repent and confess any hesitancy that lingers toward loving and serving others fully.
2. Pray for a readiness to act when the Holy Spirit prompts
3. Ask for a spontaneous and carefree heart toward loving and serving

Go Missionally

Finally, as a reminder, this entire series is about getting you to **MOVE into action with your everyday witness.**

The most important outcome of this movement and five-week study is what you are about to do next. **Your next step is to create an All In Action Plan.** This is a plan that will guide you and your family or small group toward living every day on mission. Be as specific as you need in order to follow through with this plan. Don't settle for a cute study or obtaining more knowledge, transform your current life into ongoing spiritual habits and life changing faith.

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