

All In!

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Big Idea: A local church that is ALL IN for Jesus is a force that cannot be ignored.

Acts 2:42-47

1. They _____ themselves. (v. 42)

- Greek word proskarterountes means steadfastly continuing
- Mr. Webster's Dictionary – zealous or ardent in attachment, loyalty or affection
- Synonyms – devout, loyal, constant, faithful

2. They were in _____. (v. 43)

- Greek word phobos means fear
- English Standard Version Footnotes – “or fear”

3. They were _____. (v. 44a, 46a)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:24-25

4. They _____ with one another. (v. 44, 45)

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

5. They _____ together. (v. 42, 46b)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...” Galatians 5:22, 23a

6. They _____ God. (v. 47)

- Approximately 543 times in the Bible across various translations
- About 100 times in the Book of Psalms

7. They had _____ with all the people. (v. 47)

Why? Jesus went _____!

“This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” Acts 2:23-24

Next Step?

Sunday prayer time, Sunday school, Children and Youth Ministries, Wednesday evening activities, Marriage Retreat, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Dad/Daughter Canoe Trip, Mission trips, Small Groups

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

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1. Connecting Chad's Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Story to the Scripture

- **The "Cliff" Moment:** In Chad's story, his youngest son Jadon taking the first jump into the water encouraged everyone else. In your own life or in this church, who have you seen "jump first" in a way that inspired you to get involved?
- **The "Plunge" vs. "Dipping Toes":** What does "dipping your toes" look like in a church context? What is the biggest thing that holds people back from "taking the plunge" into deeper involvement and being "all in" in the local church?

2. Read Acts 2:42-47

- **Devotion (v. 42):** The early church devoted themselves to four specific things (teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer). If you had to pick one of those four that our group/church is strongest in, which is it? Which one could use more "steadfastly continuing"?
- **Being in Awe (v. 43):** The Greek word *phobos* (awe/fear) was used to describe the early church. How does that awe change how we act?
- **Being Together (v. 44, 46):** The passage mentions they were "together" and had "all things in common." In our modern, busy world, what are the biggest obstacles to being "together" in the way the early church was?
- **Radical Generosity (v. 45):** They sold possessions to give to those in need. How can we cultivate that same "cheerful giver" heart without feeling like it's a chore or a requirement?
- **Eating Together (v. 42, 46):** The early church ate together. Why is sharing a meal so effective at building spiritual bonds compared to just sitting in a pew?
- **Praising God (v. 47):** They praised God. What are some things you praise God for in your own life and church?
- **"Favor with All the People" (v. 47):** Their lifestyle gave them favor with the community. Why do you think a church that is "all in" for each other is so attractive to people who don't know Jesus yet?
- **Why All In?:** Why was the early church all in for Jesus? What motivates us to be all in for Jesus, too? Acts 2:23-24, John 3:16, Romans 5:8.

3. The Next Step

- Consider these opportunities FBC offers - Sunday prayer time, Sunday school, Children and Youth Ministries, Wednesday evening activities, Marriage Retreat, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Dad/Daughter Canoe Trip, Mission trips, Small Groups, etc. Which one of those feels like a "stretch" for you right now? What would it take to commit to that one thing this month?

Comparison of the Early Church vs. Modern Church Challenges

Early Church (Acts 2)	Modern Challenges
Daily interaction and worship	Weekly "routine" or "services as usual"
Radical, voluntary sharing	Individualism and private ownership
Meeting in homes and temples	Disconnect between "church life" and "home life"
Awe and wonders	Consumerism or "going through the motions"