



"ALL IN!"

Seeking Unity Around a Common Mission

Luke 9:23–26; Romans 12:9–13; Matthew 28:18–20

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BIG IDEA

Going "ALL IN" for Jesus and for his Church means full devotion — not partial commitment. Jesus calls his followers to deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow him completely. This devotion expresses itself in three ways: wholehearted love for Jesus, sincere love for one another, and bold dedication to the mission of making disciples. The Christian life is not a casual add-on; it is a complete surrender to the Savior who went all in for us. A church filled with believers who live this way becomes a powerful force for God's kingdom — loving deeply, serving sacrificially, and reaching courageously. When we go all in, eternity changes for others and for us.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:23–26 (ESV)

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

Romans 12:9–13 (ESV)

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

MAIN THEME

Jesus never invited anyone to follow him halfway. His call to discipleship demands complete devotion — the surrender of self, the pursuit of holiness, and the willingness to live for what lasts forever. Luke 9 reminds us that following Christ is costly, but the reward is eternal life. Romans 12 shows that devotion to Jesus overflows in genuine love toward one another — love that serves, honors, and gives generously. And Matthew 28 anchors our devotion to mission: to make disciples of all nations, sharing the message that saves.

To be “ALL IN” means to be fully engaged in what matters most to God: loving Christ, loving his people, and loving the lost. When a church lives this way, it becomes unstoppable — a living picture of grace in a broken world. The future of Ridgewood, and the eternal destiny of countless souls, depends on our willingness to go all in for Jesus.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Devotion to Jesus Is the Only Path to Real Life

Luke 9:23–26; John 12:25–26

- Why is self-denial such a difficult but necessary part of discipleship?
- What does “taking up your cross daily” look like in everyday life?
- How might we confuse “saving our lives” with pursuing comfort or success?
- What step of faith is Jesus asking you to take right now that would demonstrate full devotion to him?

2. True Devotion to One Another Is Sincere and Full of Good Works

Romans 12:9–13; Philippians 2:3–4

- How does genuine love differ from surface-level kindness or politeness?
- Which of Paul’s exhortations—honoring others, serving with zeal, praying consistently—most challenges you today?
- Why is loving one another such a vital witness to the watching world?
- What could Ridgewood look like if everyone practiced these verses faithfully?

3. Devotion to the Mission Means Reaching the Lost and Making Disciples

Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8



- Jesus said, “All authority... has been given to me.” How should that truth give us courage in sharing the gospel?
- What fears or barriers keep many Christians from going all in on mission?
- How can we make disciple-making part of our everyday rhythms — in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods?
- How does our shared mission unify us as a church family?

4. Going All In Changes Everything

Philippians 3:7-8; Romans 12:1-2

- What does it mean to offer yourself as a “living sacrifice”?
- How have you seen God bless your life when you surrendered something costly to him?
- In what ways can Ridgewood Church live more courageously and generously for the sake of God’s kingdom?

PRAY

Dear Father, thank you for sending your Son, who went all in for us — taking up his cross, conquering death, and offering us eternal life. Teach us to follow him without hesitation, to love one another with sincerity and joy, and to carry your mission to the ends of the earth. Forgive us when we hold back. Fill us with your Spirit so that our devotion would reflect your heart. Make Ridgewood a church that loves boldly, serves faithfully, and reaches the lost urgently. May our unity and passion bring glory to your name. Amen.

DIG DEEPER

For further study this week:

- **Luke 14:25-33** — Counting the cost of discipleship
- **Philippians 3:7-14** — Pressing on toward the goal
- **Romans 12:1-8** — Living as a living sacrifice
- **2 Corinthians 5:14-21** — Compelled by Christ’s love
- **John 15:9-17** — Abiding in Christ and bearing fruit

NEXT WEEK’S BIG IDEA

Advent Season Begins!

