

# ALL IN

2022

FIVE WEEKS OF PREPARING FOR GOD'S GREATER MOVE IN OUR CHURCH



# LEGACY



**ACTS 10:9-23**  
**WEEK 1**

LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE | LOVE ONE ANOTHER | LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS  
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# **CORNERSTONE** **365** **ALL IN IS ABOUT LEGACY**

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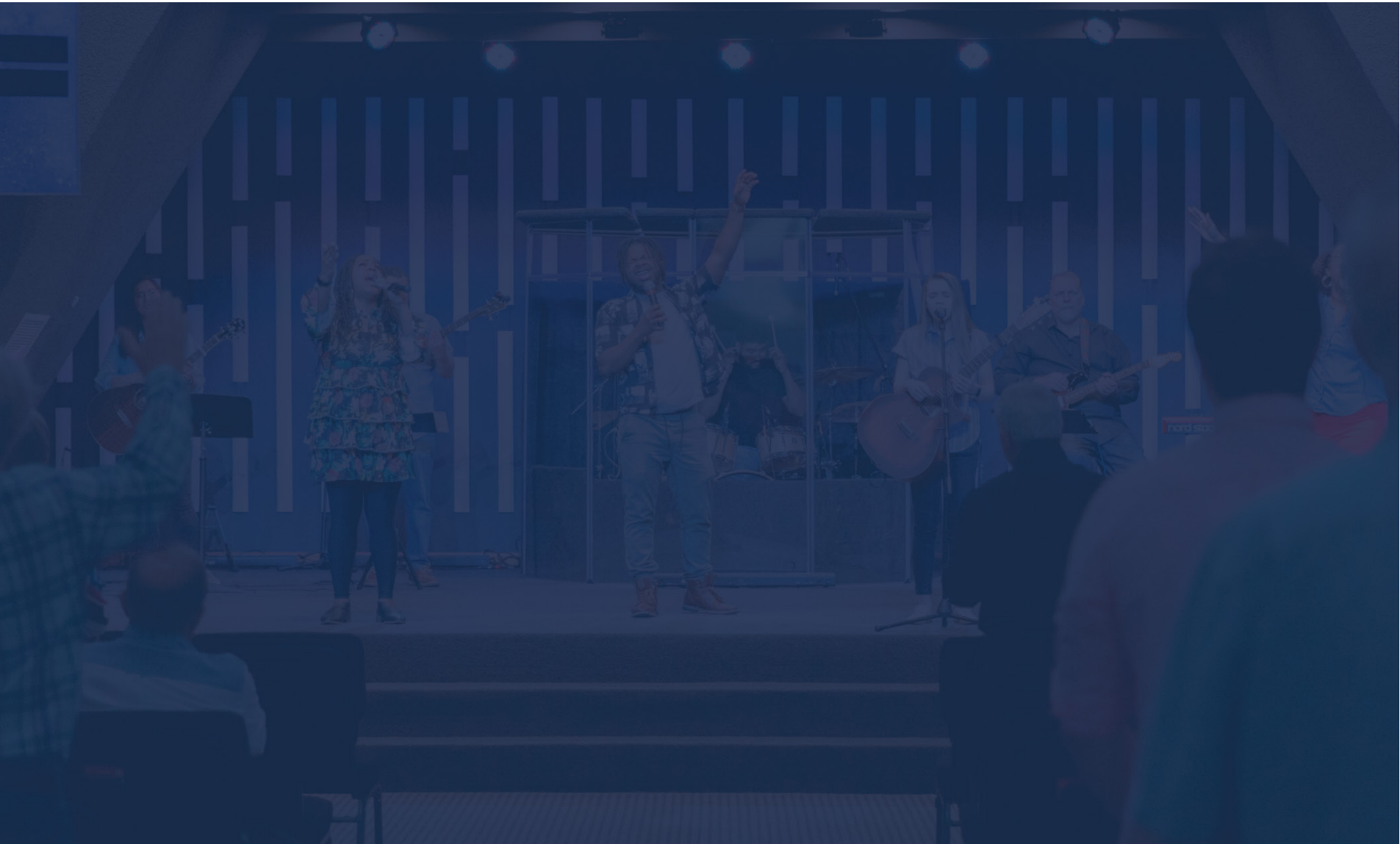
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# SESSION 1

ALL IN IS ABOUT

Legacy

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## INTRODUCING THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: LEGACY

Let's start by thinking about this topic in everyday life. Everybody wants to know what their purpose in life is and why their life matters. That search eventually brings up the idea of legacy: "What will last past my life to show that my life mattered?" It also brings up the question, "What is my mission in life?"

Today will focus on the legacy God wants all of us to leave (as taught in Matthew 28:19-20 and demonstrated in Acts 10:9-23).

## GETTING STARTED

- 1 Name a person who has left a legacy of God's love and grace in your life.
- 2 Have you thought about the unique purpose God has given to you?
- 3 What legacy would you like to leave this world by the end of your life on earth?





# ABOUT THIS Passage

## SCRIPTURE

READ: ACTS 10:9-23a

**9** About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. **10** He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. **11** He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. **12** It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. **13** Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.” **14** “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” **15** The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” **16** This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. **17** While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. **18** They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there. **19** While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. **20** So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.” **21** Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?” **22** The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” **23** Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

## BRIEF EXPLANATION

When you look at the book of Acts, you see a group of believers that are ALL IN for one Kingdom mission. This week’s study in Acts 10:9-23 shows us a legacy-defining moment in the life of the Apostle Peter and in the early church. In this passage, the legacy God has for Peter is so much larger and different than what Peter expected. He thought the legacy of Christ through him would be about Jews who found Jesus as their Messiah. He never would have guessed that God wanted him to leave the legacy of Christ in the Gentile world. Peter had a certain “mission statement” in his heart and head that God rewrote on that day. It was time for Peter to be ALL IN for what God wanted. It was time to hear God saying, “Peter, my legacy through you is so much more than you’ve ever imagined.” That legacy caused Peter to start to think differently and do what he had never done before. This is the same for you and for me.

All of us need this same “Come to Jesus” moment where we surrender our ideas and dreams of what we think our life is supposed to be about. Our church needs to do the same. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus gave us a mission that is way bigger than our small thoughts and perspective. He commands us to go and make disciples of all ethnic groups and nations. Your life was created to live a greater legacy than you could ever imagine. Before we go on, answer this one question:

## QUESTION

- 1** On a scale of 1 to 10, how hard is it for you to believe that God has chosen you to reach (and leave Christ’s legacy in) more people than you can imagine? Why?

# LIVING THIS OUT TOGETHER

Jesus gave every church it's mission in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go and make disciples of all nations." At Cornerstone we say our mission is: **"We grow disciples who: live in Christ's presence, love one another and lead others to Jesus."** Let's explore what type of disciple Jesus wants every person to be – the type of disciple who truly leaves Christ's legacy in the world.

## WE GROW DISCIPLES WHO: LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE

In Mark 12:30, Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God with everything you have and everything you are. The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God with you every day and minute of your life. To truly be a disciple of Jesus, we are meant to live in His Presence. When we do that, not only do we have fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11), but the power of God to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). As Ephesians 5:17-19 says, it is the will of God that we be continually filled with His Presence. Truly, no one who is a disciple of Jesus never walks alone!

### QUESTIONS

- 1 How do you think your life's legacy would be different if you were "all in" when it comes to living in His presence?
- 2 What new step could you take to live in His Presence more each day?
- 3 What does it look like for your small group to live in His presence together?

## WE GROW DISCIPLES WHO: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Living in His Presence naturally leads to loving others. The more we spend time with Jesus and His people, the more we face the challenge of being with others. Jesus experienced this first hand as

He came to live among us, loving us as God the Father loves us, but was met with disdain and betrayal. On the night Jesus was arrested and later crucified, He gave His disciples His only new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13.34-35). This is how Jesus defined being a great disciple. Knowing He was going to the cross and a painful death, He called His beloved disciples to love one another.

### QUESTIONS

- 1 How is loving people as Jesus loves you different than how you normally think of loving people?
- 2 What is one way someone in your small group has loved you as Jesus loves you? What kind of difference did that make for you?
- 3 What is one way you feel called by Jesus to love someone in your small group in a deeper way?

## WE GROW DISCIPLES WHO: LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS

If we have lived in His presence and truly experienced the love of His people, this will prompt us to lead others to Jesus. In Luke 19:10, Jesus said that He came to seek and save what was lost. Elsewhere, Jesus said that the greatest in the Kingdom of God was the servant of all. True disciples of Jesus want to do the same thing. True disciples make other disciples and fulfill the heart of God to have the lost found and come back to His family.

Repeatedly in the Bible we see people meet with Jesus and then turn around and start leading others to Jesus. There is something to be said when you find the answer you've been looking for! You want to tell everyone! This is the ultimate legacy our souls have been made for, to lead others to the good news of Jesus Christ!

### QUESTIONS

- 1 What fears keep us from sharing the good news of Jesus with others?
- 2 How does living in His Presence and loving one another overcome these fears?
- 3 How can your small group take His presence and love to those who do not know Him?

## PRAYER POINTS

**Close your time together in prayer. Take your time to live in His presence together. Here are some ways you can choose to pray as a group based on this session:**

- 1 Based on what you have heard from each other as you answered the discussion questions, spend some time praying for each other.
- 2 Pray that each one in the group will grow as disciples who live in his presence, love one another and lead others to Jesus.
- 3 Pray that our church would fulfill the great commission Jesus gave us.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Below is a space for you to write down the prayer requests of others from your small group to pray for all week long.

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**DAY 1**  
Another look at Acts 10:9-16

A trance, a vision, a word from the Lord that isn’t easily or readily understood. This is not necessarily a common occurrence in our Christianity today.

Let’s dive into knowing what the original audience would have understood.

Craig Keener states, “The primary point of Acts 10:9-16 is not the cleansing of foods, but the cleansing of people who eat them. The link between pure foods and pure people would be very clear to those of Peter’s time. The debate over pure foods also addresses the welcoming of Gentiles into the Jesus movement.”

Sometimes we hold so tightly to our cultural viewpoints that we need God to send us a shocking vision that corrects us and shows us His way - A way to see people as He does and love people as He does.

Legacy isn’t about us. Legacy isn’t about what we leave behind. Legacy is hearing and obeying what the Lord has shown us and asked us to do. Legacy is about Jesus. How will we join Him in that legacy?

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**DAY 2**  
Another look at Acts 10:17-23a

Ethnic divides were deeply ingrained in the culture of first century Israel. The Jewish law addressed clean and unclean food causing division between Jews and Gentiles. One day Peter was praying and received a vision not once but three times with a voice instructing him to eat food that was unclean by Jewish law. Peter’s immediate response was “surely not Lord, I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” The voice spoke to him a second time “do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

Today’s reading discusses Peter’s actions. In verse 17 we see Peter wondering about the meaning of the vision as it is counter to his previous beliefs. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the men an angel had told Cornelius to send. Peter, still in deep thought, heard the Spirit tell him “do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.” The next day Peter went with them to Cornelius’ home.

Peter was praying when he saw the same vision three times. God definitely wanted Peter to get the message.

Peter realized the vision applied not only to food, but to people, and that now the Gospel was open to all peoples.

Have you ever heard God speaking to you through an angel or the Holy Spirit like Peter and Cornelius did? How did you react?

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**DAY 3**  
**Our Mission:**  
*We grow disciples who: Live in His Presence*

To live in God’s presence is to live in the Spirit at all times. The legacy Peter establishes to the Gentile world starts here when he takes time to be in God’s presence in prayer (Acts 10:9). We are often tempted to only be aware of God’s presence when we are in church, but He is with us every moment through the Holy Spirit in us.

**REFLECT**  
How can you be conscious of God’s presence throughout your day and week?  
What set times can you establish to stop and pray to focus on His presence?

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**DAY 4**  
**Our Mission:**  
*We grow disciples who: Love One Another*

God challenges Peter to stop judging people as unclean because of outward appearances or behaviors (Acts 8:14-15). Peter was used to religious and cultural values determining if someone was worthy of God’s love and acceptance. We must learn to look at the heart instead of the outward appearance just as God taught Peter to do. God’s legacy through us only happens as we love one another in this way.

**REFLECT**  
In what ways are you thinking of others as unclean just because they are different than you?  
How can you take a step to build a better relationship them?

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**DAY 5**  
**Our Mission:**  
*We grow disciples who: Lead Others to Jesus*

God tells Peter there are three men who he needs to be with (Acts 10:19-20); three men he would normally fear (Roman centurion) and judge as worthless (Gentiles). God wanted Peter’s legacy to be leading these men to Jesus. Peter had a thousand reasons to focus on their differences or even his bitterness toward them. Instead, he focused on what and still is most important: the salvation of every soul.

**REFLECT**  
How are you focusing on winning people to Jesus or winning arguments with people?  
Who can you spend some time with today to show the love and truth of Jesus?

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In John 17:11 Jesus prayed that all of His disciples would be one. As a church, understanding our mission, priorities and standards helps us to have unity within our great diversity. Knowing these gives us the ability to be ALL IN for His glory 365 days a year!

### 3 || OUR MISSION

**WE** grow disciples who:

1. *Live in His presence*
2. *Love one another*
3. *Lead others to Jesus*

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus has given us one mission: go and make disciples. True disciples make disciples. Our church is a place where we strengthen you and provide space to do that. Our mission statement identifies three of the greatest characteristics of a true and growing disciple.

In Mark 12:30, Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God with everything you have and everything you are. We know this is only possible through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, our mission is to help disciples grow in living in the Spirit (Live in His Presence) every day.

In John 13:34, Jesus gives one new command, to love one another the way He loves us. Cornerstone's mission is to provide the teaching, opportunities and encouragement for each disciple to receive the love of God and grow in living it out. (Love One Another)

In Luke 19:10, Jesus said that He came to seek and save what was lost. True disciples of Jesus want to do the same thing. True disciples make other disciples and fulfill the heart of God to have the lost found and come back to His family. (Lead Others to Jesus)

We sum all of this up with a simple saying: "Live. Love. Lead."

### 6 || OUR PRIORITIES

Acts 2:42-47 describes the pattern and priorities of the first church that Jesus created through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We commit to these same priorities through specific programs that give you the chance to be discipled and to disciple others.

**WE** grow disciples through our:

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| 1. <i>Discipleship Pathway</i>             | (v42) <i>"devoted ... to the apostles teaching"</i>        |
| 2. <i>Small Groups</i>                     | (v42) <i>"devoted themselves ... to the fellowship"</i>    |
| 3. <i>Spirit-led Services &amp; Prayer</i> | (v43) <i>"many signs and wonders were done"</i>            |
| 4. <i>Bilingual Ministry</i>               | (v44) <i>"All ... had everything in common"</i>            |
| 5. <i>Ministry Teams</i>                   | (v45) <i>"They gave to anyone as they had need"</i>        |
| 6. <i>Next Gen Programs</i>                | (v47) <i>"The Lord added ... those who were ... saved"</i> |

You can find out more about each of these priorities on our website and in our Week 2 & Week 3 ALL IN study.

### 5 || OUR STANDARDS

Acts 6:3-5 gives us a description of those who were first called to serve the church. We believe that all those who serve should grow into this as a standard. We want every member to become a disciple who has these qualities and commitments in their relationships and in their ministry. These standards grow great disciples who make a very fruitful church! Notice the New Testament church pattern for those who serve & lead.

**WE** grow disciples with:

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| 1. <i>Personal Integrity</i>                  | (v3) <i>"known to be full of the Holy Spirit"</i>           |
| 2. <i>Ministry Competency</i>                 | (v3) <i>"we will turn this responsibility over to them"</i> |
| 3. <i>A Team Building Mindset</i>             | (v3) <i>"choose seven men from among you"</i>               |
| 4. <i>Consistent Communication</i>            | (v3) <i>"full of ... wisdom"</i>                            |
| 5. <i>Prioritizing Diversity in our Unity</i> | (v5) <i>"they chose ...Philip, Procorus, Nicanor ..."</i>   |

You can find out more about each of these standards through our Week 4 & Week 5 ALL IN study and in both our Keep Growing and ministry team trainings.





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