SUN GROVE CHURCH

"All In" - Week 3 - The Right Direction

(Acts 7–9)

Recap: (Acts 1:8, John 16:33)

- What would God do with us together if we all went "All In" for Jesus?
- Being "All In" for Jesus wasn't always smooth sailing for the first church.
- We have a spiritual enemy that does not want those far from God to know Him!
- We cannot win a supernatural battle without the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.
- Our enemy doesn't want you to know that he's already defeated on the cross of Christ!

The Wrong Direction (Acts 7:57-60)

- Stephen being "All In" for Jesus put him in the cross hairs of religious elite.
- Saul/Paul was an "All In" guy himself. Saul was his Hebrew name and Paul was his Roman name.
- Someone can be "All In" for something and be all wrong.
- Believing something with deep sincerity does not make it right!
- People can repeat a lie so often they actually begin to believe it themselves.
- The people with honest spiritual questions are not dangerous, but the people who think they know it all certainly are dangerous.

The Sly Opposition (Acts 7:58, 8:1-3, Rom. 12:19, Gal. 5:22-23)

- Saul champions chaos all while keeping just enough distance away to stay clean.
- Saul didn't think he was the villain. Being "All In" on the wrong thing convinced himself he was the HERO.
- We don't want our fruit to get rotten.

- Many times the ones who get the most stuck spiritually are the ones who try to cover up their shortcoming with overly spiritual sounding language and justifications.

- Be careful around people who gain some knowledge of God but do not have enough Fruit of the Spirit to apply it safely and responsibly!

- How are we doing with: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

The ALL IN Encounter (Acts 9:4-20, Gal. 2:20)

- Saul could quote the scriptures that pointed to Jesus, but he couldn't recognize Jesus.

- God lets Saul's physical eyes go dark so his spiritual eyes could finally open.

- The evidence of a changed heart is a change in direction.

- Paul says my own mission, my selfish agenda, has been crucified with Christ.

The Hurt from Christ Followers (2 Cor. 4:8-9)

- Don't quit on Christ, His Church, or the rest of His people.

- Every time we've been hurt by someone who claims Christ, Jesus didn't let us down.

- It's almost impossible to be full of joy while still carrying a grudge.

- Let's stop what happened to us in the past from continuing to poisoning our future.

- People will let us down. Jesus never will.

- What is the Hurt you've been replaying in your head?

- Name the Hurt, give it to God, and begin taking a step to walk on in greater joy.

- We don't pretend we didn't get hurt, but we refuse to let it keep owning us.