



Are You All In?

(Luke 4:42-5:11)

Jesus pours Himself out in ministry [Luke 4:42-44]

[Series] Resonate: Tune into Jesus' frequency to amplify the gospel in your life & church, and to impact the culture.

1. Christianity is both a belief system *and* lifestyle, requiring response, action & involvement.
 - a. Our model: The lifestyle of Jesus.
2. [4:14-41] Jesus pours Himself out in ministry.
 - a. When we do ministry: Serving God by serving people, to the glory of Jesus.
3. [4:42a] Jesus rests & recovers in solitude with His Father.
 - a. Solitude: Fasting from people, crowds, hurry, worry, busyness, noise, activity.
 - b. It should be a normal part of your life routine, but not your lifestyle.
4. Application: Pour out your lives in ministry; enjoy rest & refreshing. Both are gifts from God.
5. [4:42b-44] Jesus pursues His calling, not His potential
 - a. [42b] The crowds come to Jesus with an extensive to-do list.
 - b. [43] Jesus' response: "I must preach good news of the Kingdom... I was sent for this purpose."
6. Application: Pursue your calling, not your potential.
 - a. There are more things you *can* do than you *should* do.
 - b. Jesus engaged in a period of solitude to pray, be in God's Word, be still & listen, to clarify His calling.
 - c. You get your calling from God through silence & solitude with God.
 - i. Who am I like in the Bible? May indicate similar skills.
 - ii. How do my passions, interests, burdens, gifting line up with the Bible?
 - iii. What has God already used me for?
 - iv. Where would I be most effective for the Kingdom?
 - d. Those who don't have a sense of calling exchange busyness for fruitfulness.

Jesus calls people to join Him in ministry [Luke 5:1-10]

1. [5:1-3] As His ministry grows, Jesus adds & trains new leaders to help.
 - a. [2] Jesus recruits people who make themselves available.
 - b. [3] Jesus starts to involve Simon by using his current tools, skills & context to help Jesus.
 - c. Application: Do you make yourself available to Jesus?
 - i. Do you get involved in His ministry with your current tools, skills & context?
2. [5:4-8] Jesus requires faith from those who will join Him in ministry.
 - a. [4] Jesus asks Simon to trust Him, even though it's Simon's area of expertise.
 - b. [5] Faith: Simon's trust moves into obedience, *belief into lifestyle*.
 - c. [6-7] Result: An amazing sign of Jesus' power & authority. Our God can & does provide.
 - d. [8] Response: Simon Peter is humble & worshipful, though he doesn't fully understand yet.
 - e. Application: We sometimes just need to trust & obey, moving our faith into action.
3. [5:9-10a] Jesus works providentially through preexisting relationships to do ministry together.
 - a. Simon, James & John are already business partners who become the senior leaders of the disciples.
 - b. Jesus can use partnerships, relationships, friendships to become an effective ministry team together.
 - c. Application: Who has Jesus surrounded you with? How could you combine your efforts together for Christ?

4. [5:10b] It's all about evangelism.
 - a. The Church exists to be intentionally on-mission for the gospel.
 - b. Goal: So someone else would meet Jesus & enjoy a changed life through Him.
 - c. If you're not a Christian, Jesus loves you, died & rose for you, hears prayer, forgives sin, changes lives.
 - d. Application: For the rest of us, we are invited to help Jesus get to people who need Him.

The cost [Luke 5:11]

1. [5:11] What does it cost them? They left everything.
 - a. They walk away from the biggest catch of fish, their nets, their boats & business.
 - b. "Cheap grace": Some will only follow Jesus, provided it doesn't cost anything.
 - c. The reason God gives grace isn't because His love is cheap, but because it's priceless; it can't be earned.
2. Application: What are you willing to sacrifice so people would meet Jesus?

Conclusion: The middle counts

1. Christianity is not just about a belief system, it is also a lifestyle of involvement.
 - a. Making life count by giving it to the glory of God, the good of others & having impact for Jesus & His Kingdom.
 - b. False belief/lifestyle: In the middle, between being saved & going to Heaven, just waiting & wasting time.
 - c. Truth: The middle matters, the middle is now, the middle is us... pouring ourselves into ministry for Jesus.
2. Application: Are you all in? Between belief & lifestyle, there is no halfway point.