

Connect Group Notes

Sunday 8th December 2019 Week 5

You are invited to go ALL IN

<u>Welcome -</u> What does the term 'going ALL IN' say to you? When was the last time you saw someone go all in? When did you last go 'ALL IN'?

Word

Jesus invites us to follow him. We don't have to believe or even behave we just follow.

However, there comes a time when He explains to us some of the fine print of what it really means to follow him and that's the time many people change their mind!

Read Luke 9 v.23....

What does this verse mean to us do you think?

Look at a different passage of the Bible from the one used Sunday.... Read, Luke 9 v.57-62.

On first read these are strong words and almost alien thoughts to our modern western mind and worldview.

- What is Jesus actually saying?
- What could he be getting at under the surface do you think?
- What are some of the common excuses we use to stop us going 'ALL IN'?
- What are some of the excuses you use?
- What are the benefits to us if we go ALL IN?
- What could God do in and through us if we went ALL IN?
- In what specific area of your life is a Jesus challenging you to go further or deeper with him right now? What stops you? How can we help each other?

Finish by praying for one another....speak words of each other's lives....listen to Jesus and then share what you sense He gives you to share....

Leave plenty of time for prayer there's lots to pray about!!

- 1. Pray for the Christmas season. Who are you inviting? Pray for those people by name.
- 2. Pray for our Church in Durres, Albania, for the aftermath of the earthquakes and the loss of life and devastation that has caused. Pray for our church and the whole church in Albania that God will bring some good out of this sad and tragic situation.
- **3.** Pray for our country for the general election this week. Pray for God to move, pray for a growing unity for the UK after this election.

