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YOUR ALL IN JOURNAL



Since the beginning, Center Church has been about helping people know God, find freedom in Him, discover their purpose so they can go make a difference in the world. Our name says our mission: "Christ at the center of me. And me at the center of His city." We are all about reaching people who feel far from God or the Church, to be a light in the midst of darkness. That has always been us.

And so as a united community of people, we have set our sights on making the hope of Jesus impossible to ignore—in our local community, and around the world. It's been amazing to see what God has done in and through Center Church over the last 5 years. Lives have been changed forever!

Now it's time for us to look ahead and ask God, "What's next?" We've come to a pivotal, exciting season. I believe this is the time we'll look

back on in 20 years and say, "THAT was a defining moment in the life of our church." We're calling this season the "All In" initiative.

When we as a church fully surrender to God's purposes in our lives—when we make it our "only aim" to "complete the task the Lord Jesus has given" us; to do whatever it takes to transform people's lives, to transform our local community, and to transform our world—we know we will see God do miraculous things for His glory. When we go ALL IN for God, He goes ALL IN with us.

So what could be more exciting that launching out into a defining moment? When you KNOW that God has made an ALL IN commitment to you already? Wow! You and I have front row seats to something spectactular.

During this season, we are challenging everyone to go "all in" for the hope-mission God has called us to over the next 2 years. I encourage you to examine the vision for All In and prayerfully consider what steps of faith

God is calling YOU to take during this season.

This is the largest, all-in faith leap we have ever taken as a church. I'm excited to take it alongside each one of you!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 (NIV)



PRIMARY GOAL



We want every single person at Center Church to grow deeper in discipleship with Jesus, and wider in generosity for Him. We are all in this together.

ABOUT ALL IN

SECONDARY GOAL

This is a one-fund initiative. That simply means we are trusting God for this amount to cover all of our expenses for the next two years, as well as providing the resources for a new home for Center Church.

YOU ARE A PART OF MAKING GOD'S LOVE IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE

And these reverberations reach so much further than merely the walls of our campus or our community. We've been called to even more.

There is so much remaining to do in the center of San Diego. We reach a few hundred now, but there are hundreds of thousands who call this place home.





MISSIGN CENTERED

The ALL IN Initiative will invest \$1 Million into the life-blood of what we do every day—our general budget over the next two years. This will empower and grow every ministry we currently have to accomplish our mission of helping people know God, find freedom in Him, discover their God-given purpose and then make a difference for Him at the center of their city. The ALL IN Initiative will help move our mission even further over the next 2 years by aggressively building our ministries to kids, students, and adults.

I'm not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won't let me go. Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting **everything on**

the line for this mission.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-13 (VOICE)

MULTIPLICATION MINDED

As we pursue our mission, we will invest \$1 Million toward an anchor and home for Center Church. We will open a permanent location in the community that lends impact to our vision and opportunity for greater expressions of ministry. We seek to multiply our influence for the glory of God and make room for every person seeking the abundant life He promises. This next-step facility will lift a capacity lid and enable multiplied avenues to reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

KNOW GOD FIND FREEDOM NAKE A DIFFERENCE



A traditional capital campaign focuses mostly on people who are already giving. These people are asked to continue giving what they currently are, as well as to start giving toward something else...like a building or special project.

We aren't doing that through All In. Instead, All In will be a "one fund" initiative, meaning ALL of our giving goes toward our mission and our multiplication over the next two years. It's all one vision, so it's all one budget.

Why does this distinction matter? We want everyone at Center Church to be transformed through the All In initiative. Through a "one fund" initiative, we will more successfully invite everyone into increasing their generosity, regardless of IF they currently give, or WHAT they currently give.

Also, God has called Center Church to one mission of impact for His glory. Our general operating budget is a HUGE part of this mission. Our future facility will also be a HUGE part of this mission. But a traditional capital campaign can easily divide a community's focus into two separate missions: 1) ministry and 2) a building. That can't happen.

It's all one mission, so it's all one budget.

The All In initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every dime that is given to Center Church will go to All In, advancing our mission to help people know God, find freedom, discover purpose and make a difference.



Pray that God would prepare hearts to hear from Him and that our community would approach life ready to go all in.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

COMMIT

Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement by doing your part.

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CHEER

Share the story of God's great faithfulness to you and then root on others to live all in for Him too.



Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that stretches and changes you. Then take whatever bold steps are necessary to see it through.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR ALL IN COMMITMENT

At the end of our All In sermon series, we'll have what we're calling "Commitment Sunday" on November 4. This is the culmination of All In, when we will make our 2-year commitments together as a church. You may have already received an All In Commitment Card. You can fill that card out and bring it with you, or fill out a new card, on Commitment Sunday. Until then, prayerfully consider what steps of faith and generosity God may be calling you to take.



FAQS

HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment to All In. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin in December 2018 and will culminate in December of 2020.

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. Join a group during this season, if you aren't already part of one. Engage in personal reflection with God in the All In Series Guide you receive. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life. We are asking that you make a sacriifcial commitment to generosity - whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow Him. Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. We serve an awesome God, and He is going to move in huge ways. We anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective All In commitments—something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 4, 2018, and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and for our own faith. Are there additional ways besides finances that I can give more toward All In? You bet. Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give toward All In. You might have some stock, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He might be calling you to give during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Ronnie Belarmino, our Director of Stewardship at ronnie@centerchurchsd.com to make a gift of this type.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB RIGHT NOW? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR MY ALL IN COMMITMENT?

All In is about your total, radical, and sacrificial generosity for Center Church. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. But All In is about a heart change—one that is accomplished by surrendering our lives completely. So that may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now, but that you believe God will provide for as you seek ways to sacrifice and work toward that commitment. We would like for everyone to be a part of All In so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging and praying for one another through this transformational season at Center Church.

WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER GIVEN TO CENTER CHURCH BEFORE?

All In was designed specifically with you in mind. All In is a "one fund" generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to not only give regularly to the church's general fund, but also asked to give to a special project or building fund – creating TWO steps for people who aren't yet giving. By doing a "one fund" initiative with All In, we're saying that every dime that is given to Center Church over the next two years goes towards All In. So you don't need to be a regular giver already in order to participate. All In is a call to sacri cial, gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at Center Church. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game and commit to the work God is doing. We hope you will.

WHAT IF I'M NEW TO CENTER CHURCH?

All In is about the vision of our church. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give toward, and we would really love for you to make Center Church your home and join us in All In. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time plant your flag and make this your new church home.

THIS IS A TOOL...

to help a person move from money being their "god" to money being a tool for God's kingdom. The Journey of a Giver focuses on behaviors and attitudes of our hearts rather than on amounts or percentages, further transforming us into the likeness of Christ. Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps you ascend to get to God, but simply a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)



FIRST TIME GIVER

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time; someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.



CONSISTENT GIVER

This type of giver is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes this might be a reason for someone to set up recurring gifts online or to become disciplined with giving through regular envelopes or checks.

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THE JOURNEY OF A GIVER

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INTENTIONAL GIVER

This type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they feel about it in relation to other things they spend their money on. This may also be the point of intentionality when someone begins to tithe, reflecting that they are being intentional about a certain amount or percentage that they want to give to God.



SURRENDERED GIVER

This type of giver begins to ask the question, "Am I giving in a way that changes me? Am I giving in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me?" A Surrendered Giver's commitment to giving actually governs the rest of his or her lifestyle. They have a giving commitment that is "larger than their current situation" so that they adjust the rest of their expenditures to meet that commitment.



ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver is no longer asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to give?" An Eternal Giver is asking the question, "God, how much as you asking me to keep?" They ask this so that they can release the rest into Kingdom purposes. Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her month- ly and annual decisions, an Eternal Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the like.





two-year gift chart

As you pray about what God would ask you to give during this time, use this chart as a faith tool. Let it inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom, as you seek to go absolutely ALL IN for Him, believing anything's possible.

	GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT-LEVEL TOTAL
	1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
	1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000
	2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
	2	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$150,000
	5	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$250,000
	6	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$180,000
	8	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$200,000
	10	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$100,000
	12	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$90,000
	15	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$75,000
	MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$55,000
	TOTAL GIF	۲ GOAL			\$2,000,000

Everyone's welcome. Nobody's perfect. Anything's possible.

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Gifts from my/our stored resources + \$

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MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR ALL IN COMMITMENT

December 2018 - December 2020



COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Use this Commitment Card sample to help you prayerfully consider what level of generosity God is calling you to during All In. You'll get a fresh new card to fill out on Commitment Sunday.



LOVE BEOPLE.



AND GROUP DISCUSSION





⁵Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Deuteronomy 6:5 (MSG)

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" ²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." ²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" ³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

Matthew 14:24-33 (NLT)



²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:29 (NLT)



³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

Matthew 14:33 (NLT)



¹² I'm not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won't let me go. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission.

Philippians 3:12-13 (VOICE)

GROUP DISCUSSION

WELCOME

Welcome to Session 1 of All In. Get ready to experience remarkable! If this is your first time meeting together as a group, take a moment and introduce yourselves. As you do, share your favorite food to eat and a favorite memory associated with that food.



Each time you gather as a group, you'll have a chance to discuss a new topic, directly related to the previous weekend's talk. Feel free to share your experiences and perspective, because what gets shared in group STAYS in group.

Why is it difficult to trust people? Why do we have so many trust issues?

When was a time when you trusted someone and it turned out for the positive? What does it take in order for true trust to be present?



Read the Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided before discussing together, encouraging all to participate more deeply. Download a free Bible app for your device: YouVersion.

READ MATTHEW 14:24-33 (NLT)

Why do you think the disciples initially called Jesus a ghost when they saw him out in the water?

What is the significance of Jesus walking on the water before asking Peter to do so?

What happened to Peter that caused him to sink?

When Peter began to sink, Jesus saved him out of the water, even though Peter had doubted Jesus. What is the significance of this?

What step of faith did Peter take in this passage?



What are the practical implications of what you've just read and discussed? This next section is all about helping you live out what you're learning. Share your thoughts with the group.

Has God ever called you out of your comfort zone? Describe that instance, and what took place. What was your role? And what was God's role?

Is being stretched in giving and generosity out of your comfort zone? Explain.

Even if you find it "easy" to give, would you say that you truly give in a way that is "All In?" Does giving stretch you, challenge you, change you?

Peter's story is evidence that if you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat. Are you IN the boat or OUT of the boat, as it relates to your generosity? Are you in a "safe zone" with your generosity, or in a "choppy zone" out on the wind and the waves? Share where you're at.



Take a moment a journal out your personal reflections on what you've just studied. Get brutally honest with yourself, and with God. This is just for you, so write out your heart before God.

The All In journey for Center Church is one of the largest things we have ever done. It literally has the potential to change us as a church and to change us as individuals. Journal about where you currently find yourself after being presented with this vision and challenge. Do you feel as Peter did, hearing the voice of Jesus calling out to him in the water? Do you feel empowered to trust Him? Is there something holding you back? Reflect on your thoughts below.

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PRAYER

Lord, I confess that I sometimes let my human limitations get the best of me. I often trust in my own abilities of control and reason rather than allowing you to be the guider and provider of my life. In this All In season, I seek to yield to you. I seek to truly surrender myself – my wants, my desires, my preferences – to your will and your ways. Would you show me how you want me to engage in this season? Would you show me what true All In generosity looks like for me and my household? In your Name I pray, Amen.







⁵Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Deuteronomy 6:5 (MSG)

Genesis 22:1-18 (NLT)



WHEN GOD CALLS, SAY

¹Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

Genesis 22:1 (NLT)



DON'T ALLOW THE ______ TO CURB YOUR ______ TO GOD.

² "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

Genesis 22:2 (NLT)



EAGERLY _____ GOD TO

⁸ "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

Genesis 22:8 (NLT)

PUT IT ALL ON

⁹ When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹ At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" ¹² "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.'

Gensis 22:9-12 (NLT)

¹² I'm not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won't let me go. ¹³Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission.

Philippians	3:12-13 ((VOICE)
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	GOD CANNOT _	_ TO ME WHAT I HAVE NOT

¹³ Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴ Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the LORD will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."



Genesis 22:13-14 (NLT)

¹⁶ "This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that ¹⁷ I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me."

Genesis 22:16-18 (NLT)

GROUP DISCUSSION

WELCOME

Welcome to Session 2 of All In. Share with the group about your favorite moment of the past week and why it was your favorite moment.



What is something you would say you have sacrificed in your life? What did that mean for you?

What is something you would say you have sacrificed in your life? What did that mean for you?

What is something that would be very difficult to give up – something that if you were asked to give it up, you're not sure that you could?



So after Abraham waits so long for a son, God now asks him to be willing to sacrifice his son Isaac on the altar of the Lord. How does this make any sense? How is this fair?! What emotions are going through your head and your heart right now after reading this passage?

It is tempting for Abraham to believe (or for any of us to believe) that anything given to us by God is OURS, not His. How does this passage remind you of things in your own life that you maybe do not view completely surrendered to God but still as "yours"?

What is significant about what Abraham says in verse 5, and how does this demonstrate an act of faith and belief in God's provision?

Isaac was not a young boy when this story took place, but likely an older teenager or young man. How does that impact how you feel about his role in this story? Was there a willingness in Isaac as well as Abraham to yield to the Lord?

While God did not make Abraham go through with the sacrifice of his son, what was the key thing important to God in this call he gave to Abraham? (See vs. 12 and 16)



What are the practical implications of what you've just read and discussed? This next section is all about helping you live out what you're learning. Share your thoughts with the group.

Is there anything you would define as your "Isaac?"- something you would have difficulty or significant pause in giving up if asked by God to do so?

Do you feel you are approaching this All In season with a full heart of surrender to God? Or are you holding anything back?

What makes you nervous as you think about making at wo-year commitment to generosity for the All In initiative? How can your small group be praying for you to help you overcome this?

Sometimes the idea of surrender is best discovered in thinking about what we aren't giving rather than thinking about what we are giving. Chances are, we can feel decently good about what we are giving, especially when we compare it to others we might know who aren't giving much at all. But God is far more concerned with the totality of our heart, the surrender of our heart over to Him. So honestly ask yourself: What am I not giving to God, and why?



Take a moment a journal out your personal reflections on what you've just studied. Get brutally honest with yourself, and with God. This is just for you, so write out your heart before God.

This story of Abraham and Isaac is one of the most powerful and poignant in the entire Bible. It is astounding to actually think about God asking someone to sacrifice their child, and yet the gravity of that ask reveals to us how much God desires to have our whole heart. The compassion God shows when he doesn't make Abraham go through with it reveals that He desires the best for us. God wants to you to thrive. He wants you to have joy and provision in your life. Journal about the things that are coming to mind from some of the thought-provoking and prayer- provoking questions above. What are you afraid of? What makes you apprehensive as God reveals some of these areas in which you still need to turn over to Him in order to truly be "All In?"

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PRAYER

Lord, please reveal to me what areas of my life aren't honoring to you. Please show me where I am not fully surrendered to you in the area of my generosity and how I can release those resources over to you fully and completely. Give me wisdom to know how to do this in a way that honors you, challenges me, stretches me, and changes me for Your glory. Amen.







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Deuteronomy 6:5 (MSG)

¹One day Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come on, let's go over to where the Philistines have their outpost." But Jonathan did not tell his father what he was doing... ⁶ "Let's go across to the outpost of those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. "Perhaps the LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" ⁷ "Do what you think is best," the armor bearer replied. "I'm with you completely, whatever you decide." ⁸ "All right then," Jonathan told him. "We will cross over and let them see us. ⁹ If they say to us, 'Stay where you are or we'll kill you,' then we will stop and not go up to them. ¹⁰ But if they say, 'Come on up and fight,' then we will go up. That will be the LORD 's sign that he will help us defeat them." ¹¹When the Philistines saw them coming, they shouted, "Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of their holes!" ¹² Then the men from the outpost shouted to Jonathan, "Come on up here, and we'll teach you a lesson!" "Come on, climb right behind me," Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "for the LORD will help us defeat them!" ¹³ So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell before Jonathan...

I Samuel 14:1, 6-13 (NLT)



¹³ So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell before Jonathan... ²³ So the Lord saved Israel that day....

I Samuel 14:13, 23a (NLT)



¹² I'm not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won't let me go. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission.

Philippians 3:12-13 (VOICE)

GROUP DISCUSSION

WELCOME

Welcome to Session 3 of All In. We're half-way through together. Share with the group about the best place you like to go and visit outside of the San Diego area and why. If you're staying in town, where's you're "go-to" place? (This is a good time to take notes on cool stuff to do.)



Today, you'll be discussing a new topic, directly related to the previous weekend's talk. Feel free to share your experiences and perspective, because what gets shared in group STAYS in group.

Have you ever been the only person who believed something, in a crowd of people who didn't?

Would you consider yourself a person of belief or a person of unbelief? Explain.



Read the Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided before discussing together, encouraging all to participate more deeply. Download a free Bible app for your device: YouVersion.

READ I Samuel 14:1, 6-13 (NLT)

What does this passage signify about Jonathan's faith?

What was significant about the armor bearer's response (vs7) to Jonathan's ask?

Why did the Lord help Jonathan win this battle?

You'll notice in this passage that Jonathan leaned on his armor bearer so that he wasn't alone in this fight. Why is it important that we not go at it alone when taking big risks for God?

How does this story challenge your faith? What is compelling, scary or thrilling?



What are the practical implications of what you've just read and discussed? This next section is all about helping you live out what you're learning. Share your thoughts with the group.

The proposition of this dangerous battle may have scared away many others, but it seemed to empower Jonathan rather than scare him. Have you ever thought about the notion of asking God to make you a dangerous person for His purposes? What might this mean for your life?

Have you ever done something dangerous for God in which you felt His presence with you in a special way?

As you think about your All In journey, what in your journey thus far that God has asked you to do has felt "dangerous" in a God-honoring way?

What would "dangerous, God-honoring generosity" look like for you in this season of your life?



Take a moment a journal out your personal reflections on what you've just studied. Get brutally honest with yourself, and with God. This is just for you, so write out your heart before God.

Write out a dangerous prayer for God as you seek to honor Him more deeply with your whole self as you go All In. If you don't know specifically how He is asking you to be dangerous, pray that He would reveal that to you. Write your prayer in the lines below.

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PRAYER

Lord, give me courage. Give me a daring faith that comes only from you. Do not allow me to be tempted by the safe harbors that the world provides but to trust in you alone so that my dangerous faith can be a witness to your faithfulness. I seek to go All In for you and honor you with all that I am and all that I have. I love you, Lord. In Your Name I pray, Amen.

SIGNED





²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)



WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT FOR _____

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)



DRAW OUT SOMETHING

⁶ You take over. I'm about to die, my life an offering on God's altar. ⁷ This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. ⁸ All that's left now is the shouting - God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (MSG)



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¹⁴ Yet I am so thankful to God, who always marches us to victory under the banner of the Anointed One; and through us He spreads the beautiful fragrance of His knowledge to every corner of the earth.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (VOICE)



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² Then the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. ³ "Throw it down on the ground," the LORD told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake!





¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? ... ¹⁷ And take your shepherd's staff with you, and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown vou."

Exodus 4:10-12, 17 (NLT)



REMEMBER WHO'S GOING _____

⁵ Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never, never fail you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5 (LB)

GROUP DISCUSSION

WELCOME

Welcome to Session 4 of All In. Share with the group a unique fun fact that no one else in the group would know about you.



Each time you gather as a group, you'll have a chance to discuss a new topic, directly related to the previous weekend's talk. Feel free to share your experiences and perspective, because what gets shared in group STAYS in group.

Have you ever compared yourself to someone else and wished you had a certain life situation that someone else had? Share.

Instead of looking outward comparatively, look inward reflectively. What unique gift(s) has God given you that He hasn't given others?



Read the Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided before discussing together, encouraging all to participate more deeply. Download a free Bible app for your device: YouVersion.

READ MATTHEW 14:24-33 (NLT)

Why do you think Moses was so hesitant to believe God could do great things through him?

God asks Moses,"What is that in your hand?" Why is this such a significant question?

How did God take what Moses thought was a weakness-his speech- and turn it into a strength?

Why do you think it was significant that God takes something Moses did not think he could do on his own and makes that the thing God chooses to use to show His power? Is He making this about Moses' power or about God's power?



What are the practical implications of what you've just read and discussed? This next section is all about helping you live out what you're learning. Share your thoughts with the group.

What is in your hand? What has God given you that you are maybe "selling yourself short" in how God wants to use it?

Often at times, we say, "Well, if I had more, I would give more." But see God isn't asking you to give from what you don't have. He is asking you to give from what you do have. So what do you have, and are you giving it?

All In isn't about what we can do with our own abilities or our own situation. It's about God's power within us to accomplish great things for Him, both IN us and THROUGH us. How does this truth change how you think about your All In commitment?

Is there anything you are holding back from God as you make your All In commitment? Is there anything you are holding in your hand that you aren't offering up to Him? What is holding you back? If you feel comfortable, share this with your group so they can pray with you to seek if God is calling you to release this.



Take a moment a journal out your personal reflections on what you've just studied. Get brutally honest with yourself, and with God. This is just for you, so write out your heart before God.

This All In journey is likely bigger than anything most of us have ever done. It definitely requires a step of faith that is unlike any other step we have ever taken. Even if you consider yourself a generous person, All In is inviting you to go deeper – to surrender all, to leave nothing off the table for God. Write out what this All In journey means to you and what your commitment will mean for you as you make it this upcoming Sunday.

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PRAYER

Lord, I seek to honor you with this All In commitment in every possible way. Let the radical way I live my life during this season be a witness for your power at work in my life. May this All In season bring more people to you, both at Center Church and around the world, in ways that are unprecedented. Use me, fill me, stretch me, Lord. I am your vessel, and I truly seek to go All In.





WEEKEND MESSAGE ALL OR NOTHING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

⁵Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Deuteronomy 6:5 (MSG)

¹⁹ So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away. ²⁰ Elisha left the oxen standing there, ran after Elijah, and said to him, "First let me go and kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you!" Elijah replied, "Go on back, but think about what I have done to you." ²¹ So Elisha returned to his oxen and slaughtered them. He used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast their flesh. He passed around the meat to the townspeople, and they all ate. Then he went with Elijah as his assistant.

I Kings 19:19-21 (NLT)



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	l Kings 19:21 (NLT)
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¹² I'm not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won't let me go. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission.

Philippians 3:12-13 (VOICE)

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it.

Matthew 11:12 (NIV)

 * Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."



 $^{\rm 17}\,{\rm ''Sovereign}$ Lord, you made the earth and the sky by your great power and might; nothing is too difficult for you."

Jeremiah 32:17 (GNT)

GROUP CELEBRATION

IT'S PARTY TIME

Here in Session 5, we want to encourage you to plan a party for your group.



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What were some of the biggest takeaways for you from this All In journey?

How has this process challenged you to take your next generosity step?



WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR GROUP?

Take a few moments and talk about what's coming next for your group. We'd highly encourage you to continue meeting and growing together. Life change happens in circles--and you've got a good one.

Make plans now for your next gathering, and discuss what topic you might like to tackle as a group. Your host can get more groups resources by messaging the church or contacting one of the pastors.

THANK YOU FOR GOING ALL IN!









