

ALL IN GROUP STUDY

Not in a Grace Group?
Consider going
through the study
with someone else
(friend, spouse, family),
or contact the Grace
Groups Director at
your campus to get
connected to a group
or short term study.
If you are doing the
study on your own, you
can use the discussion
sections as personal
reflection moments.

- **OPEN** - Your Grace Group will open each week with a time to connect with others by sharing what you learned On Your Own the previous week. As you go further into the All In initiative, this will also be a time to share how God is working in your life, challenges you may be facing, and prayer needs.
- **BIG IDEA** - These sessions are based upon our All In sermon series. Each week, Pastor Tim will present an idea from the book of Joshua that will be the central theme for our study.
- **SERMON DISCUSSION** - We will focus on the Bible passages covered in the sermon and respond to the truth we find. Use the questions to go deeper, but don't feel obligated to cover all of them if you are short on time.
- **VIDEO DISCUSSION** - Each session has a brief video with a Grace story. After watching the video, discuss your thoughts and share how God might be speaking to you.
- **PRAYER FOCUS** - Close your session with a time of group prayer. Let this be your focus as you pray throughout the week for our All In initiative.
- **ON YOUR OWN** - This section provides structure for your personal time with God between sessions. Use it to reflect on the lesson and make application. You will share what you've learned with your group during the Open Session of your next gathering.
- **FAMILY MOMENT** - If you have kids in the home, this is a tool to help engage in spiritual discussions around this week's lesson.



WEEK 1.

FOLLOWING: *ALL IN* FOR THE JOURNEY

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

When you consider the expression “*All In*,” what are some of the funny or inspiring pictures that come to mind?

How does “*All In*” relate to the mission of God for your life...or Grace Church?

BIG IDEA

Just like God called all of Israel to enter the Promised Land together, we are calling all of Grace Church to take this journey of faith together.

SERMON DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 1:1-11 and 16-18 together.

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. Imagine you were camped with Israel by the Jordan river (which was overflowing at the time). What kinds of questions or concerns do you think people would have had to Joshua's message?
3. How would you have responded? How did Israel respond?

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the Week 1 video (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin) and discuss it with your group.

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Follow: *Ask God for the strength and courage to go “All In for the Journey” (i.e. truly seeking God's direction, hearing Him, and following His direction in faith).*

ON YOUR OWN

Joshua led God's people on a journey into the unknown, which must have been exhilarating and terrifying. This series is a time to face our fears and pray about the areas in our lives where we may be uncertain about going "*All In for the journey.*"

This week, reflect on the following areas of your life and ask God what it would mean for you to go All In. Then, try to honestly assess what obstacles are holding you back.

My Relationship with Jesus - Jesus said, "Follow me." How are you responding to that call? Whether you are taking your first step or your next step, how do you need to follow Jesus where you've never been before?

To go **ALL IN** with Jesus right now, I need to...

My biggest obstacles to going **ALL IN** with Jesus are...

My Relationship with Others in the Church - Jesus said, "This is my command, love one another as I have loved you." How are you responding to that command? The New Testament reveals a number of ways to love one another (serve, care for, teach, forgive, be kind to, encourage, be patient with, give to...). How do you need to follow Jesus in loving others like He loves you?

To go **ALL IN** with others in the church right now, I need to...

My biggest obstacles to going **ALL IN** with others in the church are...

My Relationship with Finances - Jesus said our heart follows our finances (Matthew 6:21). Where does your use of money lead your heart? Do your finances represent an **ALL IN** commitment to God's purposes? How do you need to follow Jesus with your finances?

To go **ALL IN** with my finances right now, I need to...

My biggest obstacles to going **ALL IN** with my finances are...

Following Jesus takes courage and faith. God asks *All* of us to go *All In for the journey of faith...* "so be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9

FAMILY MOMENT

Get kids to think about what **ALL IN** means in their culture. Younger kids: play a game of hokey pokey. How does it feel differently when you put just a part of your body "in" versus *all* your body *in*? Older kids: What sports or music hero do you think of when you think of someone who is **ALL IN**? What makes them that way?

How **ALL IN** do you think your family is in following Jesus? Where or how can you take the next step? Read Joshua 1:8-9 together. (These are our Grace Kids memory verses for the series.)



WEEK 2.

FAITH: TRUSTING GOD MORE THAN OUR FEARS

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

Just like God called Israel to step out in faith into the waters of the Jordan (when nothing had changed and the waters were still rushing), we are asking Grace to seek God and step out in faith to follow Jesus in generosity of finances (when nothing has changed yet).

SERMON DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 3:5-17 together

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. Which came first: people stepping into the water or God supernaturally moving to stop the water? How would you have felt if God asked you to step out first? Discuss the role of faith, obedience, and waiting on God in your life.
3. How would the story have been different if the people built a bridge over the river instead of stepping out in faith? Share with the group a time when you have been tempted to "build a bridge" rather than trust God to solve a problem.

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the story video for Week 2 (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Trust: *Ask God to reveal any fears that might be keeping you from trusting Him.*

ON YOUR OWN

Trusting God is easy when there's nothing at stake. But what about when trusting God means facing our fears...or going to uncomfortable places?

This week, take time to pray and journal about what trusting God with your life might look like - particularly in the area of generosity. Here are some questions to consider...

Is God reliable? Can I trust him completely? How has God shown me that He is trustworthy?

Reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

What is this passage saying to me about trusting God? What are "ways" (areas of my life) that I need God's help to fully trust Him right now?

At the root of our fears we typically find a lie that we have believed. There is a lie in our culture that says more money and better things are the keys to the life we desire. Three common lies are:

1. **The Happiness Lie** - We may realize money can't buy happiness, but at the same time we may believe the lie that "just a little more" would make our lives better.
2. **The Significance Lie** - There's nothing wrong with having nice things, but often we believe the lie that they add significance to our lives. They make us feel important.
3. **The Security Lie** - Money in the bank, retirement funds, and things we surround ourselves with can cause a false sense of security if we believe the lie that these things will keep us from harm.

"When we truly change what we believe, we'll gladly change how we behave." -Craig Groeschel. Have you believed any of these things about finances and possessions? How are they affecting the way you behave (in faith or fear)? What is God's truth concerning these things?

"Watch out and be on guard against all greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions"
Luke 12:15

FAMILY MOMENT

As a family, take turns until each member has a chance to do "a trust fall." Was it hard to have faith that your family members would catch you? Read Proverbs 3:5-6 together as a family. Do you think your family trusts more in God or your own understanding? For what specifically is your family actively trusting God? If nothing, where can you start?



WEEK 3.

WORSHIP: REPRIORITIZING GOD FIRST

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

Just like God called Israel to build a stone pillar to remember God was their Lord and first priority, we are asking all of Grace Church to re-prioritize the “*stone pillars*” they have erected (on their calendars & finances) to put God first in their lives.

SERMON DISCUSSION - Read Joshua 4:8-24 together

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. Instead of building piles of stones, Christians are called to build Christian practices (i.e. worship) to memorialize the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection in our lives. Which practice have you found the easiest to build in your life (and why)? Which have you found the hardest (and why)?

Baptism	(Romans 6:3-6)
Communion	(1 Corinthians 11:24)
Weekend Worship	(1 Corinthians 16:2)
Financial giving	(1 Corinthians 16:2)
Reading the Bible	(Acts 20:35)
Loving each other	(John 13:34)
Loving our enemies	(Matthew 5:44)
Remembering the poor	(Galatians 2:10)
Work ethic at school/work	(Ephesians 6:7)
Good works shining as light	(Matthew 5:16)

3. Have you had someone notice your Christian practices, behavior, or character and ask you why? Share the story.

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the story video for Week 3 (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Worship: Ask God to reveal areas in your life where He is not first yet, and how to reset your priorities in such a way that they point others to Him and give Him the glory He deserves.

ON YOUR OWN

Worship is the act of going **ALL IN** with God—of glorifying God in everything we do. Becoming a Jesus follower means that His priorities become our priorities.

What are the priorities (“stone pillars”) in your life right now? Do they compete with God for first place or are they expressions of your commitment to him? How we spend our time and our money is a great indicator of what we truly value.

This week, take a candid look at your real-world priorities.

Consider - If you were to sit down with Jesus and ask Him, *“Jesus? Based on Your observations, what do you think my actual priorities are? (My top 5-7.) Not what I want to be my priorities, but what I’m actually living.”*

What do you think He would say?

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Evaluate - Here are some tools to help discover your real-world priorities in the areas of time and finances.

My Time:

For the next seven days, use a planner or calendar in your mobile device to help you track how you *actually* spend your time. Every two or three hours, fill in the time slots with what you *actually* did (not what you planned to do). Be as detailed as you want.

Example Day:

6:00am	Woke up	12:00-1:00	Met Jim for lunch and discipleship
6:15-7:15	Time with Jesus	1:00-5:00	Work
7:15-7:45	Showered and dressed	5:15-6:30	Played in yard with kids / dinner
	Prayed with my family	6:30-7:30	Work in the yard / kids baths
	Drove to work	7:30-8:00	Kids - bible story, prayer, bedtime
8:00-12:00	Work	8:00-9:30	Time with spouse / netflix
		9:30-10:30	Read book / prayed / went to bed

** Also track your 'screen time' (not connected to job or school work) throughout the day. Your device may have a setting to track this for you.*

My Finances:

Many people have a budget for how they *plan* to spend their money. But how do you *actually* spend your money? If you aren't currently tracking this, take a look at your statements for the past seven days and track every dollar you spent. You can categorize them in segments like:

Saving = \$

Generosity (gifts, charity, giving to church, missions) = \$

Housing (mortgage/rent, utilities, repairs) = \$

Transportation (car payment, gas, maintenance, public trans) = \$

Food (groceries, restaurants, snacks/drinks) = \$

Personal (clothing, phone, hobbies, entertainment, gaming, hair, subscriptions) = \$

Credit debt (credit cards, additional loans) = \$

Other = \$

** There are apps to help you track this automatically*

Reflect - spend time in prayer and reflection about your priorities. Read Ephesians 5:15-16 and Proverbs 3:9-10 and then answer the following questions.

My Time - with God, with others (family, friends, spouse), serving others, becoming a disciple, making disciples, rest/care for my body and soul, screen time.

When it comes to my time, is God my first priority? If not, where does God rank?

In what ways do I need to reprioritize my lifestyle to put God first?

My Finances - giving (offering my "firstfruits" or first portion to God), tithing (following biblical pattern of 1/10th), saving (for family and future), generosity (selflessly blessing others)

When it comes to my finances, is God my first priority? If not, where does God rank?

In what ways do I need to reprioritize my lifestyle to put God first?

FAMILY MOMENT

As a family, make a list together of what your family values. Optional: rank the list in order of importance. Read Matthew 6:33. Then make a weekly calendar together on what it would look like to put God first with your time. What one practice could you do as a family daily to show God is a priority (bedtime prayers or bible story, morning prayers, worship music after school or in the car).





WEEK 4.

SACRIFICE: WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP?

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

Just like God called Israel to follow Him in ways that meant short-term inconvenience and sacrifice (circumcising all the males), we are asking all of Grace Church to ask God and listen for what He would have them sacrifice financially.

SERMON DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 5:6-7, Genesis 22:1-14, and 2 Samuel 24:21-25 together.

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. In Genesis 22, God had already prepared a ram caught in the bushes for Abraham to sacrifice. But for Abraham to obey God, it required him to be willing to sacrifice his long-awaited son, Isaac. Why do you think Abraham placed God higher than his son?
3. How does the story of King David in 2 Samuel 24 relate to our sacrifice and obedience to God?

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the story video for Week 4 (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Sacrifice: Ask God to show you if there is something He wants you to sacrifice, or give up, so that you can obey Him more fully.

ON YOUR OWN

Jesus called his disciples to follow him into a place of sacrifice. He said things like; *“take up your cross and follow Me”* and *“whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.”*

Sacrifice means giving up something valuable for a cause greater than yourself. Nothing great ever comes without sacrifice. Jesus literally went **ALL IN**, giving up everything for the cause of the gospel.

There is a story told in all four gospels about a woman who anoints Jesus with very expensive ointment. This was an act of tremendous sacrifice and worship. The ointment represented a lifetime of savings, not to mention the sentimental value it would have had for her.

Take time this week to read her story (John 12:1-8, Matthew 26:7-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50) and then consider the following questions in regard to personal sacrifice.

How would you describe this woman’s heart attitude in sacrifice? How does it compare with the disciples or the others who witnessed it?

What or who was the motivation for her sacrificial giving? Why do you think she felt this way? What is your reason for giving?

How did Jesus respond to her willingness to give sacrificially...and to the resistance from the others?

What does it mean to you that God asks us to give in a way that challenges us? Are you giving in a way that challenges you? If God uses and blesses costly sacrifices, what would be a costly sacrifice for you?

FAMILY MOMENT

Read one of the accounts of the poor widow as a family (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4). Act out the story with action figures, dolls, or with props to make the story more engaging. The widow sacrificed to give. Why? What would be a sacrifice for your family to give (it doesn't have to be about money)?





WEEK 5.

SURRENDER: WHAT DOES MY LORD SAY?

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

Just like Joshua went from asking if God was on their side to falling prostrate on the ground and saying, “What does my Lord say to His servant?,” we are asking all of Grace Church to surrender to the Lord by falling on their face and asking God what He would have them do (then listen & do it!).

SERMON DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 5:13-15, Genesis 32:22-31, and Genesis 28:20-22 together

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. Jacob wrestled with God in Genesis 32 over finally surrendering to God by admitting that he had lived as a “schemer” (the name “Jacob” literally means “schemer” or “supplanter”). What have you wrestled with God about surrendering to Him (a direction, decision, relationship, time, money, etc.)?
3. In Genesis 28, what did Jacob promise the Lord he would do if and when he decided to actually follow God? Why are those areas indicators of our full surrender to Jesus?

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the story video for Week 5 (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Surrender: Ask the Lord “what He says for you to do” right now, being ready to obey whatever He tells you.

ON YOUR OWN

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. Paul compares giving to planting and reaping.

In order to reap plentifully, how are we to plant?

What attitude toward giving does God love?

Giving should be something we do generously and with joy. Farmers usually aren't bitter about the amount of seeds they have to plant. They plant generously so they can reap a generous crop. They are full of joy, anticipating what is to come.

When we give generously, we plant spiritual seeds of the gospel in this world with anticipation that God will reap a generous harvest of souls.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. Notice the word "all" - *all* grace, *all* sufficiency, *all* times, so that we may abound in every good work.

Living in surrender means we can give generously without worrying about whether we will have enough. We can surrender *all* because we know God has *all* we need and is able to provide at *all* times.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 - Who supplies seed for the planter and bread for food? What will He do for those who give generously? What will it produce?

Commitment Card:

In last weekend's sermon, pastor Tim introduced the *Commitment Card* and asked you to pray about your commitment to **ALL IN**. This week, we ask that you take time to consider and pray about the commitment God wants you to make over the next two years - the card will help with your calculation.

THEN...we ask that you pray again. Ask God if that's *really* where *HE* wants you to be. Who knows? God may be calling you to go further than what you feel comfortable with.

Just as Joshua bowed before God in an act of surrender and asked "*What does my Lord say to his servant?*" we are asking all of Grace Church to do the same. This week, simply ask "Lord, what would you have me do?" Then listen and surrender.

Bring your completed *Commitment Card* with you to service this weekend. This is going to be a historic moment in the life of Grace Church that you do not want to miss!

FAMILY MOMENT

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 as a family. Use Little People, Legos or rice to talk through the illustration of these verses. Talk through the kid commitment card. Help your family talk through together what they could commit.



WEEK 6.

COMMITMENT: MAKING THE DECISION TO GIVE

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

Just like God called Israel to step out in faith and march around Jericho for seven days (which seemed like a ridiculous plan and an impossible goal), we are asking all of Grace Church to step out in faith with their *Commitment Cards* as God prompted them (which may seem like a ridiculous plan and an impossible goal too).

SERMON DISCUSSION

Read Joshua 6:6-16, 19-20, and 2 Corinthians 5:7 together.

1. How did God speak to you through this week's sermon?
2. Before they shouted, all 2 million people of Israel had walked 13 times around Jericho over seven days without seeing any progress. What kind of feelings do you think Israel experienced during that week?
3. Do you think those who saw Jericho fall were quicker to trust God the next time He asked them to do something that didn't seem logical? In what ways have you seen God come through in the past that prompt you to trust Him today?

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the story video for Week 6 (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Commitment: *Ask God to show you how to act on what He has been revealing to you over the past few weeks.*

ON YOUR OWN

What has the **ALL IN** journey been like for you...challenges, victories, growth?

This week, go back and review your responses to week one's "On Your Own." Would you answer the questions differently now? In what ways?

Are there any other areas in your life where you still need to go **ALL IN**? (For example, your relationship with Jesus, investment in family, serving, outreach/missions involvement, joining a group and being discipled, leading a group and making disciples, generosity in other areas, etc.)

Hopefully, you were able to take part in our Week 6 Commitment Service this past weekend. If you've already turned in your commitment card, Thank You!

If you've not yet made your **ALL IN** commitment, it's definitely not too late. Our prayer from day one has been that every single person at Grace would engage with us on this journey. You can bring your commitment card this weekend, drop it by one of our church offices, or fill it out online at visitgracechurch.com/AllIn.

FAMILY MOMENT

Review the calendar and commitment card from the earlier weeks. Is your family more All In than when they started this series? Reflect on your family's journey and celebrate progress! We celebrate a lot of things but we as a family should definitely celebrate spiritual growth!





WEEK 7.

KINGDOM: "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

SERMON NOTES:

OPEN

What did you learn *On Your Own* with God this week? Share it with the group.

BIG IDEA

The church is Jesus' plan to reach the world (there is no "plan B"). No matter what happens the church is Jesus' church. He promises to build it (Matthew 16:18).

SERMON DISCUSSION

Share stories about what God has done through the series.

VIDEO DISCUSSION

Watch the Week 7 video (located at visitgracechurch.com/allin).

- Share your thoughts about the video and how God might be speaking to you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Kingdom: *Ask God, "How can I partner with you in building your Church?"*

ON YOUR OWN

Spend time this week giving thanks to God for all He has done, is doing, and will do in your life. Thank Jesus for going **ALL IN** for you.