



ALL IN Growth Group Guide Week 6 - “Commit”

GETTING STARTED

Over the past 6 weeks we’ve watched God do some pretty remarkable things with our lives. We’ve looked closely at the lives of men and women from the Bible who went ALL IN and experienced God’s power and blessings in their lives in ways we long to see for ourselves. We’ve learned what it means to be a disciple of Jesus - to hold nothing back and give Him everything we’ve got. This past weekend our church came together to make a bold financial commitment to our new *2-year Generosity Initiative* that will make a mark on our city for Jesus. This is a special time in our history as a community, and we’re thrilled to be spending it together.

Group Discussion:

What have been some of your favorite ALL IN moments over the past 6 weeks? What stories were shared that impacted you? What steps have you taken that you’re excited about? What hopes do you have as we move forward together?

DIGGING IN

An Unreasonable Request

As we learned together last weekend, Noah was a smart and talented man who had a bright future. History credits him with the invention of the plow and of wine. And to top it off, he was completely devoted to God. Sounds like the perfect life, right? But then God dropped a bomb on him in Genesis 6:14 when He said, “*Build a large boat.*”

Read Genesis 6:14-22 as a group, and then discuss the following questions.

1. Put yourself in Noah’s shoes for a minute. Why might this seem like an unreasonable request?

2. If you were Noah, how might you respond to God in this situation? What pressures do you think he was facing as he weighed his response?

3. At the end of the day Noah obeyed. Genesis 6:22 says, *“So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.”* In what way would you like to set the same example for those watching you?

What a Disciple Does

The truth is, we’re not going to understand everything Jesus calls us to do. He called Abraham to leave home without a map. He called Peter to step out of the boat. He called Elisha to give up his career. He called the prostitute to trade in her identity. He called the little boy to offer up his lunch. And he called Noah to build a boat before it had ever rained.

4. What seemingly “unreasonable” thing has God been nudging your heart about over the past 6 weeks?

5. As we’re coming together to bring God our ALL IN financial commitments, what’s driving your desire to become a more generous person?

Make no mistake, Jesus is calling us to follow Him with the same abandon, surrender and commitment as the first Disciples. He said in Luke 9:23, *“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”* And He is promising us the same fulfillment, joy and impact they experienced as well.

Read Mark 4:4-20 and respond to the questions below:

6. From the verses, find the 4 kinds of soil and fill in the result Jesus shares for each one. Then talk about your observations and questions.

4 Kinds of Soil (Mark Chapter 4)

Soil Type	Footpath	Rocky Soil	Thorns	Good Soil
Result				

WORKING IT OUT

*“And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who **hear** and **accept** God’s word and **produce** a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” -Mark 4:20*

7. Jesus gave us 3 descriptive words in Mark 4:20 that define our lives as disciples: (1) hear, (2) accept, and (3) produce. As we wrap up our ALL IN portion of our Groups Season, what hopes do you have about what God will be producing through you over the next 2 years?

8. Pastor Gabe has challenged us to make Westside our priority destination for investing our Time, our Talent and our Treasure for God’s Kingdom. A few weeks ago we spent some time evaluating these areas of our lives and where we’d like to go next. Take another look, and talk about how God has helped you move forward through ALL IN:

My Time

I give God the first & best of my time, to cultivate my relationship with Him and live out His priorities.

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9-----10

My Talent

I know my strengths and I put them to work enthusiastically to serve God’s Kingdom.

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My Treasure

I’ve committed to taking my next step in generosity through ALL IN.

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PRAYER

This week as you prepare to transition to your group’s next study, first spend some time thanking God for what He has done in you through ALL IN. Consider using “one-sentence prayers” and encourage everyone to participate. Here’s an example:

“God, thank You for helping me take the step of _____.”

BIBLE PASSAGES

Genesis 6:14-22

¹⁴ “Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵ Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶ Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

¹⁷ “Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. ¹⁸ But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁹ Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. ²⁰ Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”

²² So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

Luke 9:23

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

Mark 4:14-20

¹⁴ The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others. ¹⁵ The seed that fell on the **footpath** represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. ¹⁶ The seed on the **rocky soil** represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. ¹⁸ The seed that fell among the **thorns** represents others who hear God’s word, ¹⁹ but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. ²⁰ And the seed that fell on **good soil** represents those who hear and accept God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”



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