

e is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17

# **ALL IN**BEGINS HERE

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**Message Notes and Small Group Study** 



This is another defining season at **Christ Fellowship**. As followers of Jesus, one of the most important things the Gospel compels us to is radical generosity. Jesus was radically generous on the cross, and we respond by being radically generous. He was and still is **ALL IN** for us. Now He is calling us to be **ALL IN** for Him and His gospel. ALL IN regards to our trust, ALL IN with our surrender, ALL IN with our generosity.

In every defining season, Christ not only brings opportunities for growth as a church, but He also brings us opportunities for growth as individuals. In preparing for this initiative, Ashley and I are experiencing a new season of being stretched and grown in our trust and surrender to Christ. We continue to preach the Gospel to ourselves, remembering our lives are built on Christ and that He is worthy of us being **ALL IN**. This workbook provides a basic outline of the two year challenge set before each of us at **Christ Fellowship**. We hope and pray our response impacts our lives, our community and our world for generations to come.

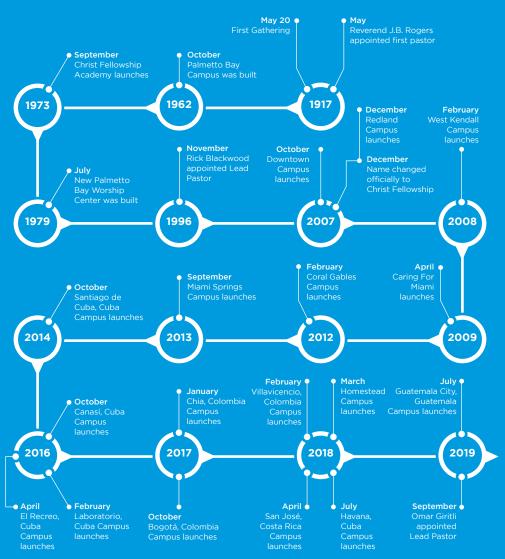
I challenge you to consider what it means to be **ALL IN** in your trust, surrender, and generosity to Christ. We may need to sacrifice time, comfortable relationships, resources, certainty, and other "life as usual" things to invest in eternal things that never fade. We pray that every person who calls **Christ Fellowship** "home" will make an **ALL IN** commitment. You will never regret giving to God and His mission. So, join us on this journey. Let's do it. Let's be **ALL IN** together!

Love you all! Pastor Omar

#### WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

#### Over a century of impacting lives. Here's to the next 100!

Throughout the last century, **Christ Fellowship** has reached significant milestones that represent growth and our impact at home and around the world. These steps show God's faithfulness and represents a journey that continues today. We celebrate our history and look forward to the next century and what God has planned for us individually and collectively. **ALL IN!** 





Since the day we first opened our doors, health—as measured in a few key areas—has always been a goal. Although the impact of any church cannot be measured in numbers, it serves as a good gauge of health. When new people are coming and when individuals are making decisions to follow Christ and taking next steps in their faith, it creates a thriving and spiritually nourishing environment.

#### IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS:

**16,000 + people** have engaged with the Gospel every week locally, globally, and online.

**8,955 first time guests** have attended one of our services locally and globally.

**5,399 people** have grown in their faith in a Small Group by studying God's Word together.

**3,098 volunteers** have served on a team weekly, making our weekend services possible.

**462 new believers** have made their faith public through baptism locally and globally.



# PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

To lead everyone who calls Christ Fellowship "home" to fully trust Christ as their all-sufficient provider.

#### **SURRENDER**

What are we holding back from the Lordship of Jesus and need to relinquish control over to Him?

#### **FAITH**

What steps do we need to take that moves us away from our comfort zone and into a whole new experience of dependence on the Lord?

#### **GENEROSITY**

What new level of generosity do we need to attain in order to express our gratitude for what God has done, and increase our trust in what He is going to do next?





# SECONDARY GOAL \$41 MILLION

To advance the mission through these five goals:

ALL IN FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP
ALL IN FOR THE HOUSE
ALL IN FOR NEW LOCAL CAMPUSES
ALL IN FOR NEW GLOBAL CAMPUSES
ALL IN FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

## ALL IN FOR CHRIST FELLOWSHIP \$24 MILLION

#### Local Ministry Budget / \$12M x 2 years

Our yearly operating budget is \$12M and this is because of your trust and obedience in God. \$24M is our normal operating budget over 2 years. This funding covers the cost of maintaining and supporting our seven campuses across Miami. As a debt-free church, we are able to pour all of this funding into staff and ministries.







#### **ALL IN FOR THE HOUSE**

#### \$9 MILLION

**Local Facility Expansion** 



#### Coral Gables + Homestead Campuses

- Secure a permanent location for these strategic campuses.
- Construct 300 space parking garage.



#### **Doral Campus**

- Relocated our Miami Springs campus to a permanent location.
- Renovated facility that will serve our kids, students, and adults.
- Complete finishing elements that enable the campus to reach its full potential.



#### **Downtown Campus**

- Restore historic building including worship center, hallways, and exterior.
- Build state-of-the-art CF Kids ministry area.
- Expand and modernize foyer area.
- Construct 300 space parking garage.

#### ALL IN FOR THE HOUSE | Local Facility Expansion



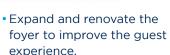
#### **Palmetto Bay Campus**

- Renovate the entire CF Kids ministry area.
- Redesign and pave the parking lot for optimal use and traffic flow.
- Improve our worship center for a better in-house and broadcast experience.



#### **Redland Campus**

• Redesign the worship center to improve the experience.



• Renovate and redesign the CF Kids ministry area.



#### **West Kendall Campus**

- Redesign and pave the parking lot for optimal use and traffic flow.
- Build out a brand new permanent baptismal.
- Improve courtyard to enhance the guest experience and ministry use.

# ALL IN FOR NEW LOCAL CAMPUSES

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#### \$3 MILLION

#### **Launching Local Campuses**

Miami is one of the most unchurched cities in America where less than 10% attend church. Our vision is to establish a **Christ Fellowship** church in every community across Miami. There are strategic communities where the Lord is opening doors for us to serve and our prayer is to launch campuses in these areas to help more people follow Jesus.



#### **ALL IN FOR NEW GLOBAL CAMPUSES**

#### \$1 MILLION

#### **Launching Global Campuses**

We are a multi-cultural and international church comprised of 81 different countries, and our passion drives us to reach the world for Christ. Our vision is to establish **Christ Fellowship** churches in every country our members are from and wherever our relationships open doors of opportunity.





### ALL IN FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT \$4 MILLION

#### Compassion to the Under-Resourced

With a heart for our community and other churches, we want to extend generosity and compassion locally and globally. One of the ways we want to do this is by acquiring a new, larger, state-of-the-art bus to expand the ministry across the county.





































\$41M - Total generosity over the next two years

# WHAT IS YOUR ROLE Be ALL IN Together



#### **PRAY FERVENTLY**

Pray that God would prepare hearts to hear from Him and that our community would approach life ready to go ALL IN!



#### **COMMIT FULLY**

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



#### **CELEBRATE LOUDLY**

Celebrate God's faithful work in your life and point others towards living ALL IN for Him by sharing your story.



#### **GIVE GENEROUSLY**

Live in a way that stretches you and increases your faith in all areas of your life: relationally, financially, and spiritually.

For more resources, visit cfmiami.org/allin

# COMMITMENT CARD

# TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT CARD

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool - let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

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#### **ALL IN SERIES**

February 8/9

#### **ADVANCE COMMITMENT NIGHT**

Friday, March 6 | 7pm

#### STUDENT COMMITMENT NIGHT

Friday, March 13 | 7pm

#### **COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

March 14-15





#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 1

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**

#### **SMALL GROUP STUDY**







#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

• Who is someone you trust? What makes them trustworthy?



GO TO THE SOURCE: Read Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-18



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

#### Made by Him

 Genesis 1:1 says in the beginning God created. Who exactly was it that created all things, the Father, Son or Holy Spirit?

**STUDY NOTE:** Colossians 1:16 and John 1:3 clearly state that all things were created by Jesus the Son of God.

• Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be the one to create all things?

#### **Made for Him**

What does it mean that Jesus is the firstborn of all creation?

**STUDY NOTE:** It means that Jesus is preeminent over everything created. Preeminent means that Jesus is the creator of all things and has authority over all things. Psalm 89:27 cleary supports this thought by calling David the firstborn. David was the youngest son yet is called the firstborn.

- Verse 18 says that the reason Jesus is the "firstborn from the dead" is so that He might be preeminent (have authority) over all things. Have you allowed Jesus to have authority over all areas of your life? Are there some areas you have not? What are they?
- An area that many Christians struggle to give Jesus full authority in is in the area of financial giving. Why do you think that is?
- Read Luke 21:1-4. What is Jesus trying to communicate in this passage?

**STUDY NOTE:** Jesus is not concerned about how much we give as He is about how much we trust Him as we give.

#### Held together through Him

- Has there been a time when you failed to trust God with your finances? What kept you from trusting Him?
- Verse 17 reminds us that Jesus holds all things together. How does

knowing Jesus is holding all things together help you trust him in the area of finances?

 Would you say you are "all in" or "partially in" when it comes to giving? What is keeping you from being ALL IN?



#### **MAKE IT COUNT:**

- Have a time of reflection to gauge if you are really trusting God in the area of giving.
- Pray for God to help you trust Him in all areas of your life, including your finances.

#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 2

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**



#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

 What was your easiest and hardest subject in High School? Share why they were easy and hard.



#### **GO TO THE SOURCE**:

Read Colossians 1:18, Matthew 6:33



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

#### Christ as head of the church

What does it mean that Jesus is the head of the church?

**STUDY NOTE:** Just as Jesus is Lord over our lives, He is Lord over His church. He being "head of the church" means He rules over her.

 Verse 18 says the reason Jesus is head of the church is so He might be preeminent in everything. What does that mean?

**STUDY NOTE:** In the context of this verse it means He will have full authority over our lives and the church body.

#### **Putting Christ first**

- What does "putting God first" look like in real life?
- Rate yourself from 1 to 10 on how well you put God first in the following areas:

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Attending a Small Group	 <del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del> O-	-0-	-0
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Telling others about Jesus	 <del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del>	-0-	<del>-</del> O-	-0				
Giving financially to the work of God	 <del>-</del> O-	-0-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del> O-	<del>-</del>	-0-	-0-	-0

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#### First in our generosity

- Statistics show us that only 3-5% of Americans tithe. Why do you think that number is so low?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; What do you think it means that, "they gave themselves first to the Lord"?
- How does giving yourself wholly to the Lord change the way you think about generosity?

**STUDY NOTE:** If you are wholly surrendered to the Lord and He is your provider, then you can release anything He calls you to release. You can give anything He calls you to give.

- Why do you think some struggle to be generous?
- The passage goes on to say that "they gave themselves first to the Lord" then "by the will of God" to the apostles. Do you live in a way that your giving reflects being in the will of God in the area of finances?
- Read over verse 2 again. What does it say was their financial status?
   Do you think their being at poverty level impacted how generous they were?

**STUDY NOTE:** Dig a little deeper into discussing how many Christians feel exempt from giving because of their current financial status.

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#### MAKE IT COUNT:

•	Are you	comfortable	with your	generosity?	

How could you practice generosity this week?


#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 3

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**



#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- Who comes to your mind when you think of the word generosity?
   What made them generous?
- Why do you think God cares that His people be generous?



GO TO THE SOURCE: Read 2 Cor 8:1-7



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

**STUDY NOTE:** Background to the passage - At this time the church in Jerusalem was in great need. There were many poor people who Paul was collecting a special offering for. And he was planning on the Corinthians giving to that cause. So he does his best to inspire them by sharing about another group of believers.

#### **Generosity displayed**

• Who is Paul talking about and why is he so impressed with them (1-3)?

**STUDY NOTE:** The Macedonian church was facing extreme poverty yet they were begging to partake in giving financial relief to the church in Jerusalem.

Why do you think they had such a strong desire to be generous?

STUDY NOTE: The answer is in verse 5 "they gave themselves first to the Lord."

#### **Motivation for generosity**

 In verses 1-7, Paul calls their generosity a grace given by God. What do you think that means?

**STUDY NOTE:** Grace by definition means undeserved favor. Grace is something we receive and it is also something we give. The Macedonians understood the opportunity to give as an expression of God's grace. When you give freely and generously you do it because God's grace has moved in your heart where you see things from a Kingdom perspective. You live for the things of God and not the things of this world. That kind of living is a special grace bestowed upon believers because it goes contrary to the patterns of this world. So we receive grace to then extend grace through the act of generous giving to others.

 Do you view the subject of generosity as a discipleship issue? Meaning, is generosity something you do out of obligation or is it part of your spiritual growth?

#### **Generosity lived out**

- Do you think of yourself as a generous person? Why or why not?
- Share a time when you practiced generosity. How did you feel before, during, and after giving?
- What do you know about the history of Christ Fellowship? Share what you know.

STUDY NOTE: In 1917, a young pastor named Reverend Rogers was sent by the Florida Baptist Convention as a missionary with the goal of establishing a church to reach from Miami to Homestead. When he arrived, he joined with other settlers in the area and held worship meetings in their homes. The concept of what we know as Christ Fellowship today was dreamed about, prayed over and sacrificed for, far beyond what we consider "sacrifice" today. One of the members had some property upon the main road (95th Ave. and Southbound US1) that he decided to donate and together they built a small, one room church. Kerosene lamps served to light the room until someone donated a carbide lighting "plant." This was how the room was lit until 1931, when a group of youth decided that they needed to modernize the place by installing electricity. Together, they worked long and hard for three years to raise the \$100 it took to make it happen. And then there was light! That was the humble beginnings of what we know today as Christ Fellowship.

- What would you say motivated that kind of extreme sacrifice in giving and working towards the mission? Do you think we have lost that? Why or why not?
- How does knowing others went before us so we can come and worship each week impact your desire to give to the mission of Christ Fellowship?
- What kind of legacy for generosity did your parents leave you? What legacy in the area of giving would you like to leave?



#### **MAKE IT COUNT:**

- What is your next step in your generosity journey with Jesus?
- Are you desiring to have someone hold you accountable during this ALL IN season? Talk together as a group how you can hold each other accountable and then celebrate the fruit from being faithful.

#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 4

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**



#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- When you were growing up, were you ever part of a team activity?
   What was it? Example: sport, dance, cheerleading, academic, etc.
- How did your role affect the overall success of the team?



**GO TO THE SOURCE:** Read Colossians 1:19-20



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

#### The method of reconciliation

What does it mean that the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Christ?

**STUDY NOTE:** That word fullness translates the ancient Greek word pleroma, and was really just another way to say that Jesus is truly God. This word was a recognized term of theology in Paul's day, and it meant the totality of God's power and nature. It was Paul's way to say that Jesus was and is totally God, God to the fullest. He isn't a lesser God or a kind-of God; He is God in totality.

 Why was it necessary for Jesus to be fully God to reconcile us? Why wasn't it enough for Him to just be a sinless man?

**STUDY NOTE:** God is Father, Son and Spirit. God demonstrated the greatest example of love by essentially sending Himself through the Son to die for us. He did not send anything or anyone, He came Himself to secure our eternal destination. God is the only one qualified to pay for our sins.

 Read John 1:16; the verse goes on to say that we are beneficiaries of grace upon grace from His fullness. What do you think that means?

**STUDY NOTE:** Grace by definition means undeserved love or favor from God. We experience God's grace every second of our lives.

In what ways have you personally seen grace played out in your life?

#### The co-laboring of reconciliation

 Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; What does it mean that we have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation?

ALL IN MESSAGE NOTES AND SMALL GROUP STUDY | WEEK 4

- If God has the power to accomplish all things apart from us, why does He choose to have us come alongside Him?
- Name some ways we can join God as He reconciles all people to Himself.
- Did giving financially automatically come to mind? Why or why not?
- Most Christ followers are not faithful in the area of giving. Choose from the list below why you think that is.

☐ They feel they can't afford to give.
☐ They think God is not concerned whether they give or not.
☐ They don't trust that God will provide if they take a step of faith to give.
☐ They don't put God first when it comes to giving.

• If everyone at Christ Fellowship was ALL IN during the next two years, what kind of an impact do you think that would make in our city?

#### The fruit of reconciliation

- Looking back at the history of Christ Fellowship, do you think
  the original pioneers would have ever imagined the impact their
  sacrifices were going to make? Does that compel you to make
  similar sacrifices?
- What positive impact in your life and the life of your family would you see if you made a committment to be ALL IN?

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#### **MAKE IT COUNT:**

	Spend time reading 2 Corinthians 8-9 this week. Ask God to give you the same grace that the Macedonians received in the area of giving.
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#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 5

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**



#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- Do you think most people's social media accounts accurately portray who they really are? Why or why not?
- How does it make you feel that God knows every intimate detail of your life?



**GO TO THE SOURCE:** Read Colossians 1:21-22



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

The reason for reconciliation

• What does it mean to be alienated and hostile in mind?

**STUDY NOTE:** Alienated means experiencing or inducing feelings of isolation or estrangement; Hostile means unfriendly or antagonistic. Romans 1:19-22 shows a direct connection between a mind hostile toward God and the working out of that hostility through a hardened heart.

 What does the verse say is the outcome of being alienated and hostile toward God?

STUDY NOTE: Doing evil deeds.

 Think back at a time before having Christ in your life. In what ways were you hostile in mind and alienated towards Him? Everyone share.

#### The pathway to reconciliation

What is reconciliation?

**STUDY NOTE:** Reconciliation means to restore friendly relations between the two parties. This is best illustrated in Matthew 5:23-24. It says that the reason for needed reconciliation is because one brother had something against the other. There was an apparent offense that needed reconciling. In the same way, our sin is an offense against a holy God which needs restoration.

How does the passage say we became reconciled to God?

STUDY NOTE: By Jesus' death we are reconciled.

#### The product of reconciliation

 What reasons do the verses give to explain why Christ reconciles us to God?

**STUDY NOTE:** So that we would be blameless and above reproach.

- How would you define the words blameless and above reproach?
- Name areas in the Christian life that we need to live above reproach.
- Did giving back to God financially come up? Why do you think most people don't think of finances when it comes to being blameless?

**STUDY NOTE:** When we think of being blameless, we often think of things that are publicly visible and not private. Many people have an outward image of being above reproach, but privately are not.

- Would you consider yourself above reproach in the area of giving back to God? Why or why not. Share as much or as little as you like.
- If God doesn't need your money, why then is your giving so important to Him?

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#### MAKE IT COUNT:

- This week, do an inventory of where your spending goes. Ask yourself if your bank statements were made public to everyone, would it show a heart that is above reproach?
- Read and meditate on Matthew 6:19-21. Ask God to give you a heart that stores treasures in heaven.

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#### **ALL IN**

#### WEEK 6

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**



#### **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- When have you felt the most secure?
- How important is security in your life?



**GO TO THE SOURCE: Read Colossians 1:21-23** 



#### **DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:**

#### Faith that is stable

- Look back at verse 21. What are we apart from Christ?
- How does that differ from what is described of those who have faith in Christ in verse 22.

STUDY NOTE: Identity is important. Read Luke 6:46-49. What we chose to be the foundation of our lives is where we find true stability. The Greek root word for "stable" in Colossians 1:23 is the same word used in Luke 6:48 where Jesus tells us that the wise man builds his house on the rock. Our faith is stable during hard times because it is built on a tested foundation that will stand up to any storm.

Why do some people believe that faith would keep us from hardship?

STUDY NOTE: Read Psalm 46:1, Psalm 9:9-10, and Proverbs 18:10 - We are never promised absence of troubles. We are promised that God will be our strength in times of trouble. We need someone to trust and rely on in difficult circumstances.

- Share of a time you maintained stable faith through difficult circumstances.
- How did having stable faith during times of testing and trial help you endure through your trials?

#### Faith that is steadfast

 The word "steadfast" in this passage refers to a faith that is immovable or resolve. Why is having an immovable faith important?

**STUDY NOTE:** The greatest way we experience the immovable faith of God is knowing death has no power over us. Have someone read 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 and discuss what these verses mean.

 How does knowing that your future is secure in Christ help keep your faith immovable in your present circumstances?

#### Faith in action

- How has this series through ALL IN been for you? What has God been teaching/challenging you in?
- During the ALL IN series we shared a story of a married couple from the Downtown Campus that reached the age of retirement and decided to give their entire retirement savings to God. What does that say about their faith being put into action? Would you have done the same?
- The pioneers of Christ Fellowship left a legacy of sacrificially giving for the advancement of the gospel in Miami. During these next two years, will the same be said of you?



#### **MAKE IT COUNT:**

- As we wrap up this series, what does it look like for you to be ALL IN? Everyone share.
- Talk as a group in how you can hold each other accountable by having "checkup" periods over the next two years. Set aside time to celebrate how your faith is growing during that season.