



"...THEY GAVE THEMSELVES **FIRST TO THE LORD...**" 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5

ONE YEAR AGO, WE BEGAN THE ALL IN INITIATIVE.

We started asking ourselves: What would it look like if we were All In with Jesus? What would it look like for us to be so gripped by Jesus' grace in our lives that it takes us to a place of deeper trust and surrender to the Lord?

From the start, our primary goal has been 100% engagement – that every person at Redeemer would open themselves up to the Lord to learn what it means to be all in with Jesus, not just with our generosity, but with our entire lives.

And we don't believe that God is done with us yet. Whether you are new to Redeemer or have been on this All In journey with us this year, we are praying that you would experience God's grace in new ways and, in response, give ourselves **FIRST** to Him (2 Corinthians 8:5).



what we set out to do

THE PRIMARY GOAL IS 100% ENGAGEMENT

We are praying that everyone who calls Redeemer their church home will open themselves up to the Lord and consider what it means to live ALL IN with Jesus. We want to see the Lord bring our whole church family to a place of deeper faith and surrender, to be gripped by His grace in a way that changes our hopes and priorities.





THE SECONDARY GOAL IS **\$12 MILLION** OVER TWO YEARS

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP - \$8.5 MILLION

Our core priority is sending healthy and active disciples to reach our city and the world with the Gospel. We want to deepen our discipleship ministries and leverage the missional capacity within our church to see people grow deep in their love for God.

WIDE REACH - \$3.5 MILLION

As the city of Lubbock grows and expands, we are committed to reaching 1% of the Lubbock population with the Gospel through a multisite strategy. We will begin laying the groundwork for a second Redeemer campus in south Lubbock to increase our capacity to make disciples both near and far.

what Goel has done

AN AVERAGE OF
291 KIDS
IN CLASSES
EVERY SUNDAY

464 PEOPLE
JOINED GOSPEL
COMMUNITIES
THIS FALL

IMPACTED
**146 PEOPLE &&
73 MARRIAGES**
THROUGH REIENGAGE &
MARRIAGE MENTORING

9.2%
ATTENDANCE
GROWTH
THIS FALL

80 PEOPLE
BAPTIZED
IN 2024

8 GOERS SENT TO
SHARE THE GOSPEL
AMONG THE UNREACHED

48% GROWTH
IN OUR COLLEGE
MINISTRY

58 PEOPLE
SENT ON SHORT-
TERM TRIPS

**STARTED
THE GOOD
NEWS CLUB**

AT PARSONS
ELEMENTARY
FALL 2024

584 PEOPLE
FILLED OUT A
CONNECT CARD

**150 PEOPLE
TRAINED**
IN HOW TO
SHARE THE
GOSPEL

266
FIRST-TIME
GIVERS

115 FAMILIES
**VISITED
REDEEMER
FOR THE
FIRST TIME**

**DOXA CHURCH
TUCSON & NEW
CITY CHURCH**
CHURCH PLANTS
THAT LAUNCHED
FALL 2024

137 PEOPLE
BECAME
COVENANT
MEMBERS

65 PEOPLE SIGNED
UP FOR THE FIRST
**REDEEMER
INSTITUTE CLASS**

where we are going

Our mission is clear: God has called us to be a Gospel-Centered Missional Family of Disciples Making Disciples. In everything, we want to know, love, and obey God by declaring and demonstrating the Gospel wherever God has us.

And we believe God wants to do more in and through us.

As we enter the next year of this discipleship initiative, our prayer is that God will multiply its impact. We pray that what God is accomplishing in us will continue to move through us to transform our church, our city, and the world.



what is your role?

JOIN

You may have recently joined our church family and have been wondering, "What is the All In initiative, and how do I become a part of it?" All In is for anyone who calls Redeemer their church home and we hope you will join us on this journey of asking what it means to go all in with Jesus, to be so gripped by His grace in our lives that it takes us to places of deeper trust and surrender to the Lord! We invite you to consider making a one-year generosity commitment to All In.

FINISH STRONG

Many of us made a commitment one year ago, and for some, the journey has been just as challenging to live out as it was when you first made your commitment. We want to encourage you that if it still represents your first and best and that you're trusting in God fully, then committing to finish strong is an important step of faith. For others of you, this journey has been more difficult than you had envisioned. Perhaps you've experienced job loss, job change or unexpected financial expenses. Lean into God, listen to His voice, and commit to finishing strong on the journey you began, even if it looks different than you originally thought. Stay engaged, and reach out to us if we can help and care for you in any way. God is with you!



Throughout the last twelve months, the Lord has done amazing things through Redeemer here in Lubbock and throughout the world. He has given us every reason to trust Him, and we respond by honoring Him with our first and our best.

INCREASE

Some of us made our All In commitment one year ago, and since then, God has stretched and grown your faith or your financial situation. It is not that keeping your commitment has been easy, because it has likely required a lot of sacrifice and daily trust in God. But, you may be sensing the Lord inviting you to take an additional step of faith in your generosity, and we want to challenge you to continue responding to Him in faith. Consider asking yourself these questions: Am I still giving in a way that challenges me? Am I fully surrendered to Jesus, holding nothing back from Him? Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to take another step of faith with an increased commitment.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR ALL IN COMMITMENT

On February 23rd, we will have a Commitment Sunday where we will make our commitments together as a church. We've included an example so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what steps of faith and generosity God may be calling you to take as we approach the midpoint of the All In Initiative. Please take time to think and pray through this before Commitment Sunday. If you are not able to join us on Sunday, February 23rd, you can also make a commitment online by visiting allin.redeemerlubbock.org/commit.

WHAT IS A ONE FUND?

You may have been a part of church giving initiatives in the past during which you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible. Normally, you gave that gift to a "Building Fund" and you also continued to give offerings to the "General Fund." This type of giving can be confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their regular giving or aren't sure which area of giving should be the highest priority.

At Redeemer, we believe that it is all one mission to make disciples, both near and far. So during the All In Initiative, every gift that is given to Redeemer Church will go towards our All In vision: making deep disciples and widening the Gospel's reach.

I AM NEW TO ALL IN

I would like to make a one-year commitment to the All In Initiative in the amount of:

\$

**This includes your regular giving over the next 12 months as well as your expanded giving and stored resources.*

I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO ALL IN

MY CURRENT TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT IS:

\$

AT THE MIDPOINT OF ALL IN, I WOULD LIKE TO:

Confirm my commitment to finish strong.

Increase my two-year commitment to:

\$

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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weekly discipleship guide

As we continue our study through 2 Corinthians this year, we have come to chapters 8 and 9 where Paul gives his most extensive instruction on generosity in the New Testament. At the midpoint of the All In Initiative, our hope is that we will pray, seek the Lord, and truly consider what it means to be All In with Jesus and give ourselves **FIRST** to Him. Each week we will utilize this guide for sermon notes, personal study, and our Gospel Community guides. If you're not currently in a Gospel Community, go to www.redeemerlubbock.org/groups to join a group today.


Week One

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

GC Discussion Questions

1. In verse 5, Paul emphasizes that the Macedonians first “gave themselves to the Lord” before giving their resources. What does it mean for us to “give ourselves first to the Lord,” and how does this shape the way we give our time, talents, and treasures?
2. Have you truly given yourself first to Him in all areas of your life, including your time, talents, and treasures? What areas of your life have you held back from surrendering to God?
3. The Macedonians gave beyond their ability and out of their extreme poverty, demonstrating incredible sacrifice. Reflect on your own giving: Is your generosity sacrificial, or do you primarily give from your abundance and comfort? Have you ever avoided sacrificial giving because it felt too costly?

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4. In verse 7, Paul encourages the Corinthians to “excel in this act of grace” just as they excel in faith, speech, knowledge, and love. How does the Gospel empower us to grow in generosity alongside other aspects of spiritual maturity?

 5. What does it look like to “excel” in the grace of giving, and how can this reflect the fullness of God’s grace in our lives?

 6. In verse 9, Paul points to Jesus as the ultimate example of generosity. How does the Gospel shape our understanding of true wealth and poverty? What does it mean for us to follow Christ’s example in our own lives?

Week Two

2 CORINTHIANS 8 : 10 - 24

¹⁰And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.

¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.

¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness

¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."


¹⁶ But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. ¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord.

¹⁸ With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the Gospel. ¹⁹ And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will.

²⁰ We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, ²¹ for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. ²² And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. ²⁴ So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

GC Discussion Questions

1. Paul urges the church at Corinth to follow through on their earlier commitment, encouraging them to remain faithful to what they desired to do a year ago. What challenges do you face in staying committed to things you've said you would do? What factors tend to weaken your eagerness or resolve over time?
2. If you made an All In commitment last year, what, if anything, has challenged your commitment?
3. In verses 10-11, Paul encourages the Corinthians to finish the act of grace they began by completing their gift. How does the Gospel encourage us to be faithful in following through on commitments, especially when it comes to areas like generosity? What are some practical steps we can take to ensure we don't start something with good intentions but fail to complete it?

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4. Instead of waiting for a future ideal, Paul encourages giving from what we have (verse 12). How does this perspective challenge the way you think about generosity in your current circumstances?

 5. Paul highlights the integrity and care of Titus and others entrusted with the financial gift (verses 20-21). Why do you think accountability and integrity are important when it comes to handling financial gifts? How does knowing that financial gifts are handled with integrity affect your willingness to give?

 6. Verse 24 calls the Corinthians to demonstrate their love through their giving. How can generosity serve as a practical expression of love in your life, and who might be impacted by it?


Week Three

2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-9

¹Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, ²for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. ⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

GC Discussion Questions

1. Paul talks about motives for giving in this passage and what he wants them to experience as they give. What is typically your attitude towards giving: obligation, reluctance, or joy?
2. Paul mentions that the Corinthians' eagerness to give has been known to others (verse 2). Reflect on your own attitude toward giving—do you prepare in advance, or is it more of a spontaneous decision? How does this impact your giving?
3. In verse 6, Paul compares giving to sowing seeds, where generous sowing leads to generous reaping. How does the Gospel help us view giving not as a loss, but as an investment in God's kingdom?
4. What is a step you can take this week to be intentional in sowing generously with your time, talents, and treasures?

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5. Paul assures the Corinthians that God is able to provide everything they need to be generous (verse 8). How do you understand God's provision in your own life? Are there areas where you feel hesitant to give because you fear you don't have enough?

 6. In what ways can we take practical steps to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness when we feel uncertain about giving?

 7. Paul teaches that God loves a cheerful giver and wants us to experience joy in our giving. How does the Gospel motivate you to give joyfully, rather than reluctantly or out of obligation? What are some practical ways you can cultivate a cheerful and willing heart in your giving?


Week Four

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

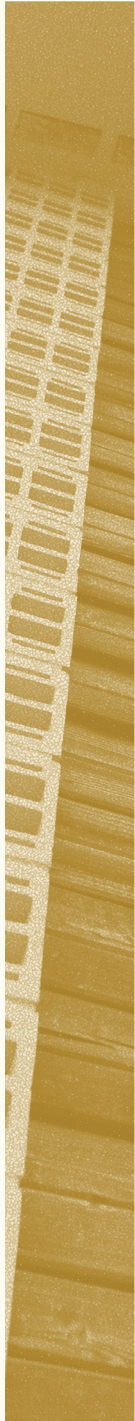
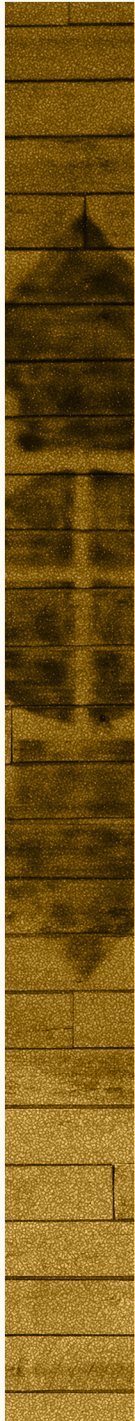
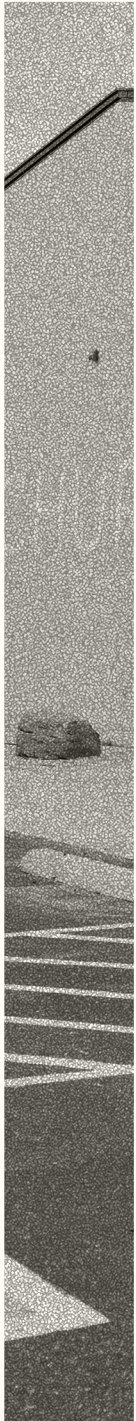
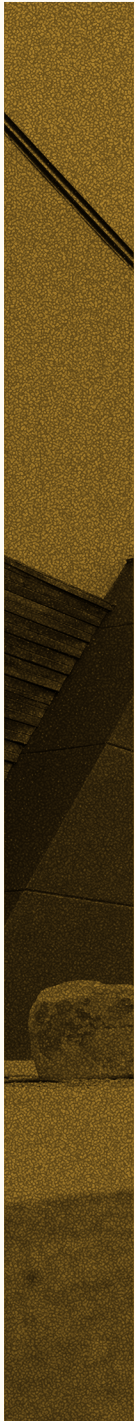
GC Discussion Questions

1. Paul encourages us to consider and celebrate the outcome of generosity: it produces thanksgiving and personal joy within us and others. How have you seen or experienced giving leading to joy and thanksgiving to God?
2. In verse 10, Paul talks about a “harvest of righteousness.” What do you think this means, and how does it encourage you to give generously?
3. Some people have misunderstood and misapplied verse 11 by teaching a version of the “the prosperity Gospel.” Based on the context of the passage, what is God actually promising here about generosity and provision?
4. In verse 13, Paul describes the evangelistic power that exists when we give, accompanied by our confession of the Gospel of Christ. How does our generosity serve as a visible testimony of the Gospel? How can our giving reflect the transformative power of Christ in our lives to a watching world?

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5. Paul emphasizes that the generosity of the Corinthians not only meets the needs of the saints but also leads to thanksgiving and prayer for them (verses 12-14). How does our generosity impact the unity of the church? In what ways does giving deepen relationships and create a sense of shared mission and mutual care among us?

 6. Paul calls God's gift "indefinable" (verse 15). What does this phrase reveal about the magnitude and value of God's gift to us? How does this understanding affect the way we view our own resources and generosity in relation to what God has already given us?

 7. Several times in these verses we see reference to thanking and giving glory to God for His gifts. What are you thanking God for or giving glory to God for right now? Spend a few minutes sharing specifically with one another.



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