



## 2018 GenMin Camp Curriculum

### **INTRODUCTION**

The 2018 GenMin camp curriculum theme is “**ALL IN.**”

What does ALL-IN mean? It means to be totally committed to something or someone, not holding anything back. It involves everything. What is the “everything” of our lives? What would our lives look like if we went all-in? How would the lives of those around us change if we went all-in? What would your relationships (with God, family, friends, and others that may not be like you) look like if you went all-in? How would the world be different? How would you be different?

But maybe the first question should be, “Why would we go All-In?” The answer, God went all in for us. You don’t have to go any further than John 3:16 - <sup>16</sup> *For God expressed His love for the world in this way: He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not face everlasting destruction, but will have everlasting life.* <sup>17</sup> *Here’s the point. God didn’t send His Son into the world to judge it; instead, He is here to rescue a world headed toward certain destruction.* (*The Voice*) Along with other scriptures like: Eph. 2:4-5; Col. 1:15-17; I Tim. 2:3-6.

The theme scripture is **Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)**

*Mark 12:28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

Each chapel would ask the question: “How do you go All-In . . . ?” filling in the blank with the key words of the text of Mark 12:28-31.

**Chapel 1:** “How do you go All-In with your heart?” What does that look like?

“Heart” in this chapel would equate to our emotions and feelings. Visceral responses, immediate reactions, hurts, joys, pains, victories, laughing, crying, etc.

Spiritual Discipline: Prayer.

Prayer connects your heart to God’s heart.

**Chapel 2:** “How do you go All-In with your soul?” What does that look like?

“Soul” in this chapel is even deeper than immediate reactions of emotion or feelings. It is the core of your being, who you really are. Who you are uniquely as a child of God, who God is in you. What does it mean to go all-in with and for God who is already all in you?

## **Chapel 2 (cont.):**

Spiritual Discipline: Meditation/Contemplation/Silence/Solitude

By honestly going deep inside ourselves (deep into our soul), by being quiet before God, we find our true selves. We can give all of ourselves – our core being (all in) – to God.

## **Chapel 3: “How do you go All-In with your mind?”** What does that look like?

“Mind” in this chapel is about what do with what we see, watch, hear, listen to, places we put ourselves that influence and affect our minds – the way we think and what we think about.

Spiritual Discipline: Bible reading/Bible Study, Simplicity, Journaling, Fasting (not just fasting from food, but from tech, social media, T.V., etc.) What do we let into our heads (minds?) Is it too cluttered, occupied, worried, and anxious? There is so much going on in our lives and our world. What will you do to align your mind to the will of God?

## **Chapel 4: “How do you go All-In with your strength?”** What does that look like?

“Strength” in this chapel is about what you do. What are your activities? How do you spend your spare time? Where and how do you expend your energy? And though this is not all about physical strength, how do you power and fuel your body? Your body may not be “strong” at all, but there is an inner strength in all of us waiting to be exercised.

Spiritual Discipline: Service/Hospitality (and health, exercise, self-control)

Strength – in this sense - is not about physical prowess or muscle power – it is about our determination, discipline and self-control, along with our physical well-being. So part of it is also about our physical body – taking care of it the best we can (food, health, exercise, sleep.) It is not so much about how strong you are (we all have different genetic predispositions in that area) but how strong your resolve, determination, dedication and discipline is. How do we use all of that in service to God and others?

## **Chapel 5: “How do you go All-In with loving your neighbor?”** What does that look like?

Your neighbor may be closer than you think. But they could also be on the other side of the world. In this day and age we are globally connected – and yet so disconnected. Do you know your neighbor? What does it mean to be “on mission?” And how does loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength fit into the idea of loving our neighbor?

Spiritual Discipline: Missions, Service, Celebration

Who is your neighbor and how will you interact with them? They are our brothers and sisters. All of them, close at home and far and wide. People we know and don't know. Friends, family and the unfamiliar. And the best way to love and serve them is to live a life that is All-In – heart, soul, mind and strength.

The main focus of the curriculum is to be in “participation in Christ’s mission to the world.” And at first glance the “heart, soul, strength, mind” piece seems to be more individualistic and inward, rather than outward. But being All-In isn't just with one area or compartment of our lives. If we are All-In with God in our heart, soul, mind and strength, we cannot help but respond to Jesus and participate with him in what he is doing in the world – namely, loving God and loving our neighbor.