



A MINISTRY OF GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

(THEME LOGO)



All-In

2018 GenMin Camp Curriculum

INTRODUCTION

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

That theme and directive, as given for the curriculum is from Jeff Broadnax, GenMin National Coordinator and Anthony Mullins National Intern Program Coordinator. Here is a summary of Jeff’s and Anthony’s thoughts:

- *The primary theme will be participation in Christ’s mission to the world. A subtheme will be the spiritual disciplines as a means to deeper fellowship with the Triune God which leads to gospel proclamation and demonstration (mission).*
- *The curriculum will consist of 5 chapel messages and debrief questions for small group interaction after the chapel presentation. It’s also helpful to have devotional guides for camp counselors and other camp volunteers prior to camp.*

What does ALL-IN mean? It means to be totally committed to something or someone, not holding anything back. It involves everything. Like pushing all your poker chips in to the middle of the table and saying, “I’m all in.” (Except when we go all-in with God, we never have to leave the table. Going All-In with God is not losing it all, its gaining everything.)

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, 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 - *16For 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. 17Here’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.

God gave all of Himself – He went all-in (Father, Son and Spirit) for us, for you, for humanity. He desires nothing less than that we go all in for Him. What is the greatest command and desire of God but for us to love and serve him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. But it doesn’t end there. He also wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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?”

29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ 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?

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 about physical strength, how do you power and fuel your body?

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? (No more Twinkies, more veggies, lots of water, good sleep)

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, as stated, 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. And it’s not just serving at the soup kitchen once a month. 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 our neighbor. When we say Yes to Jesus (Yes to God’s Yes) we are to be All - In in every way and aspect of our lives. We are integrated human beings. It all connects. How we feel, our emotions (heart), our inner most being (soul), what we think and allow to influence our thoughts and beliefs (mind) and what we do (career, job, activities) and what we do with our bodies and discipline (strength) are not really separate. As the Spirit transforms each of these areas, we reflect more and more the image of Jesus. As we allow him to inform (and heal and repair) our humanity, we are drawn to do what he did (does) and that is to be on mission through gospel proclamation and demonstration.

The capstone would be the last chapel in regard to loving our neighbor. Loving our “neighbor” isn’t simply just being nice to the person that lives next to us. A similar text to Mark 12 is Luke 10:25-27. When the religious leader asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor,” he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. (A lot of times our neighbor is somebody totally different than us, maybe even our enemy. Remember, Jesus said, “Love your enemies.” Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 5:43-48) Jesus, over and over again, demonstrates loving the beaten-down, the “kicked to the curb”, the marginalized, the outcast, the oppressed, the unaccepted, the lonely and the abandoned. He is a liberator. He is THE Liberator. And when we give him our heart, soul, mind and strength . . . Wow! He gives liberation from what pins us down, chains us up and holds us back. This allows us, frees us, to be truly ourselves (as He is in us and we are in Him) for others – our neighbor.

(Other texts describing “All-In” will include:

Duet. 6:5 (The Shema)

Matthew 16:24-26 (Deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow me)

Mark 1:18 (Come follow me, at once they dropped their nets and followed him.)

Luke 14:26-27 (This one would have to be simplified and explained! - "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, etc.)

Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

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1. Day 1 - Heart: Prayer: How do you think you can pray from your heart?

Leader’s background information.

Prayer connects your heart to God’s heart. Private prayer is just being yourself while talking and listening to God. Its not formal and has no formula. Talking in your mind – listening with your heart.

Discussion / Debrief Questions:

1. What was your understanding of what the speaker meant by your heart?
2. How did what you heard today help you understand your heart?
3. Why do you think God wants you to be ALL IN with your heart?
4. How does your heart help you be ALL IN in relation to what God has for you?
5. With what you heard today, what does being ALL IN mean to you? What does it look like in your life?

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2. Day 2 - Soul: Meditation: How will today's chapel help you in this discipline?

Leader's background information

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3. Day 3 - Mind: Bible Study, What will you do to align your mind to the will of God?

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4. Day 4 - Strength: How do we use our strength in service to God and others?

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3. Why do you think God wants you to be ALL IN with your strength?
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5. Day 5 - Loving Others: Who is your neighbor and how will you interact with them?

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Discussion / Debrief Questions:

1. What was your understanding of what the speaker meant by loving others?
2. How did what you heard today help you understand loving others?
3. Why do you think God wants you to be ALL IN with loving others?
4. How does loving others help you be ALL IN in relation to what God has for you?
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