

Sermon: All In
Series: RESET

Pastor Derek
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Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. This week's core value is stated this way: *All In: God created us with unique skills to do ministry. We strongly believe that everyone at Grace is here for a reason. The church doesn't function well unless we're all involved.* How have you seen this value being lived out at Grace? In what ways have you seen it being lived out in your own life?
3. Derek refers to a "two tier system that is so prevalent in so many churches today." Tier one is for pastors, staff, elders who do the ministry and tier two is for everyone else who comes to spectate and maybe give some money. Read **Ephesians 4:11-12**. How does Paul refute that system?
4. Read the main text from the sermon, **Romans 12:3-8**.
5. From Romans 12:3 Derek's first All-In Declaration is "In my humility, I will serve." He says that "the opposite of thinking too highly of yourself is not thinking lowly of yourself, it's thinking more highly of Christ." Paul addresses this again in another letter: Read **1 Corinthians 12:14-26**. What does this kind of humility look like in the body of Christ?
6. The second All-In Declaration, from Romans 12:4-5, is "In my connectedness I will function." Derek said, "not every person that wanders into Grace and is loosely connected here is necessarily part of the body. But when a person walks through a [membership] process and says I want to commit to be part of this body of believers- then all the sudden there is a new level of devotion. We are members of one another and that person has a function and a role to play." Think about your level of commitment to your small group and to Grace Church. What role are you playing as part of the body of either of those groups?
7. The final All-In Declaration, from Romans 12:6-8, is "In my giftedness I will contribute." Consider Paul's words in **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** and Peter's in **1 Peter 4:10**. Who gives us gifts and abilities? Why does He give them? Are we living a fully devoted life in Christ if we're not using them in our local church? What are the consequences when Christians do not serve one another with their gifts?
8. Application: "Each one of you has a jersey with your name on it. The question is, are you going to pick it up, put in on and get in the game?"
9. Next Step: If you have not taken the CORE class it is both a great place to explore how God has gifted you to be a member of the local church and the place to find out more about becoming a member of Grace Church. The next classes begin Sundays at 11:00 and Wednesdays at 6:30 in October.

Prayer Thought: Thank God for the church, for His design that we should need one another as part of His plan to rescue the world. Thank Him for inviting and empowering us by His Spirit to play a role.

Series Memory Verse:

2 Timothy 2:22 – *Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

Note: A list of spiritual gifts and supporting scripture is available. Email sarah@whoisgrace.com.