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GENERATION

ONE of the most important things the gospel compels us to is generosity. Jesus did not withhold generosity at the cross and we respond by not withholding from Him. He was first, He went first, and all things are by Him, for Him, through Him and to Him.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

⁴Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Chew on this, **before there was anything to be “before,” God was.**

An ancient Hebrew prayer, called the Shema, is said to be the most-prayed prayer in all of history. It is found in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6:4-5.

What does it mean that the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE? Who are we, that God would choose ordinary people like us to make much of Him through this movement? As we continue to preach the gospel to ourselves, we remember our lives are built on Christ, the cornerstONE.

I urge you to consider what it really means to fully realize that the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE. Is He the ONE thing that drives all other things in your life? It will require you to sacrifice time, comfort, resources, certainty and other “life as usual” things to invest in eternal things that never fade.



This booklet provides a basic outline of the two-year discipleship journey set before each and every ONE of us. We pray every person who calls The Church of Eleven22 home will make a commitment that will have kingdom impact for generations to come.

There is only ONE name under heaven by which we are saved. I don't know about you, but I want to give my entire life to serve that name.

Join me in acknowledging that the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE.

**Be free,
Pastor Joby Martin**

HIS STORY. OUR TURN.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth - all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

He created the sun and the sky. The lion and the lamb. He created time and set it in motion. He formed the dirt and then gave it purpose. He gave us purpose when He came down face-to-face with us and breathed His life into our lungs. He pulled us to our feet and gave us freedom.

But we...fell. We sinned against the Author of Life. We tried to steal the point of the story and yet...God

pursued us. By grace, He gave us a covering and a hint of His plan. He pointed us to our Savior through Noah and Abraham and an unlikely messenger named Moses that told Pharaoh "let my people go." He broke our bondage by opening a road through the sea. He fought our battles and gave us light in the darkness through the law and the prophets and the Psalms. Still we wandered, lost.

We put other things before Him. We settled for far too little. Even so, God persisted.

For unto you is born this day a Savior - Christ the Lord. Jesus, the son of

33 AD

Jesus commissions disciples (The Great Commission). The Holy Spirit falls on the disciples on the day of Pentecost, where 3000 people surrender to Jesus.

400 AD

St. Patrick goes on mission to Ireland, birthing revival in Europe.

33-36 AD

Paul and the apostles take the gospel to the ends of the earth, starting a global church planting movement.

1517

Martin Luther nails "The 95 Theses" to the door of Wittenberg Castle's church, beginning the Protestant movement.

the ONE True God, became flesh and dwelt with us. He gathered us, instructed us, fed us. Jesus commanded us to love God with all our heart and soul and might so we could experience true life. He walked with us and then sacrificed for us. He prayed for us and on the cross He died for us. But then...

He rose from the grave. The tomb was empty. Death was conquered and life forever changed. He appeared on a mountain and commissioned us – “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

At Pentecost, He empowered us as the Spirit of God fell on us. Baptized us in ONE name to be unified as ONE body. Churches were planted. Lives were changed. Peter and John preach. New Scriptures are written. Saul is renamed Paul. The gospel spreads to Africa, Rome, Asia, Europe, America.

Today, His hand is not still. It's not new, it's just our turn. God is inviting us to accept our role in HIS story. The ONE true God is still unfolding the ONE story about the ONE thing that matters. The Lord our God, the Lord is ONE.

1545

John Knox, John Calvin and the reformers continue the Protestant movement.

1938

A little church launched above a bakery in Jacksonville Beach, FL called Rising Tide Methodist Church, which in a few years became Beach United Methodist Church.

2008

An 11:22 service began at Beach which was led by Pastor Joby.

1735

John and Charles Wesley bring the gospel to the Georgia coast.

2003

Joby and Gretchen Martin moved to Jacksonville, FL where he served as Youth Pastor at Beach UMC.

June 2013

More than 200 people were baptized in the ocean at our first Beach Baptism, while hundreds of friends and family watched from the beach.

August 2015

As part of a community transformation effort, Hope's Closet opened — a thrift store designed to bring dignity to those it serves and to offer the hope of Jesus to all who enter.

January 2016

Launched our second campus in Baymeadows, in an old sports bar with 1600 in attendance.

September 23, 2012

It's our turn. The Church of Eleven22 held its first worship gathering over 3,000 people attended the first weekend.

December 2014

Almost 5,000 people were worshipping at Eleven22 each weekend. Since opening day in 2012, there were 1,045 people who surrendered their lives to Jesus and 465 people were baptized.

October 2015

Before All Things generosity initiative — a two-year discipleship journey where we learn and live out the reality that Jesus is Before All Things.

January 2017

Launched our third campus in Mandarin, walking out the vision of planting the gospel in local communities.

January 2018

Celebrated the launch of our fourth campus in Arlington, and Hope's Closet Thrift expands to a second location.

November 2018

God is calling us to the ONE initiative - a two-year discipleship journey where we learn and live out the reality that The Lord our God, the Lord is ONE.

June 2016

309 people were baptized in the ocean while hundreds of friends and family watched from the beach.

June 2017

267 people were baptized in the ocean while hundreds of friends and family watched from the beach.

May 2018

426 people publicly proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior at Beach Baptism while thousands of friends and family watched.



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I N I T I A T I V E S O V E R V I E W

As God leads us on this two-year discipleship journey, what would it mean for your generosity if you had a full understanding of the ONE true God - - and in light of that truth you were compelled to love Him with your all by submitting to a new level of generosity? What would it look like if your testimony of generosity demonstrated that He is the ONE thing in your life that drives all things?

This is not about Eleven22. This is about Jesus. It's about His power at work within us to accomplish things by Him, for Him, to Him and through Him.

Our primary goal is 100% participation. That every ONE of us would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul and might. We would like 100% of those who call The Church of Eleven22 home to take significant steps in deepening their relationship with Christ.

We are believing God with a secondary goal of \$52 MILLION to accomplish three gospel-centered initiatives in the next two years.

I N I T I A T I V E O N E



CHURCH | \$28.5 MILLION *(over two years)*

A movement for ALL people to DISCOVER and DEEPEN a relationship with Jesus Christ.

It's this simple. We will continue to be a church that remains steadfast in glorifying God in worship and word by declaring the gospel and making disciples that make disciples.

Each weekend more than 10,000 people
across four campuses worship as

ONE FAITH FAMILY

There are currently over 1,900 people who gather in

DISCIPLE GROUPS

across 8 counties and 34 zip codes

**SINCE LAUNCH IN 2012 WE CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE
THROUGH US AND TO US FOR HIS GLORY**

Nearly 1,500 people have served on
GLOBAL MISSION
trips to 14 different countries

There have been 154
CHURCHES PLANTED
domestically and internationally

2,633 people have been
BAPTIZED
and we celebrate the

6,847 people who have
SURRENDERED THEIR LIVES
to the Lordship of Jesus Christ

I N I T I A T I V E T W O

ONE MORE | \$16 MILLION *(over two years)*

God has called us to spread the gospel to some of the innermost places in our local communities as well as to the ends of the earth.

We will continue to make room for ONE More as we pray and seek guidance for the launch of campus number five and beyond. God continues to move and all of our campuses continue to exceed our expectations.

God has always sent us toward places and people that are often hard to reach, so over the next two years we will plant campuses in prisons and detention centers across Northeast Florida.

Church planting is at the heart of spreading the hope of the gospel. Over the next two years, we will plant 150 churches domestically and internationally in places like Brazil, East Africa and in the Middle East.

ACTS 11:24

²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

I N I T I A T I V E T H R E E



MORE GENERATION |

\$7.5 MILLION

(over two years)

Through this season, we seek to ensure that upcoming generations have a place to be disciplined without hindrance. Currently, our three, four and five-year old classrooms in the San Pablo kids space are full every week at 9:00am and 11:22am. We will expand and redesign the footprint of this space allowing room for ONE More in this critical generation to know Jesus.

Eighty percent of people that come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior do so before they graduate high school. God is moving in our students in a mighty way. To join Him in this work, we will evaluate our student spaces at all campuses to allow them to better discover and deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ through worship and word.

We will put focused attention on families with children that have special needs. These families are often overlooked, but we want them to know they are loved, valued and a part of being disciples that make disciples in this movement for all people.

JUDGES 2:10

¹⁰ And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

J O U R N E Y O F
G E N E R O S I T Y

This tool is designed to help you move money from being an idol to money being a tool for God's Kingdom. The journey focuses on the condition of our hearts further transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice.

An **INITIAL GIVER** is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

Question to ask: God, do I trust You as my Provider? Show me how to demonstrate to You my trust in You by starting somewhere and beginning to give.

A **CONSISTENT GIVER** is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline.

Question to ask: The apostle Paul says we should excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). God, am I giving on a consistent basis that shows my desire to excel in this area of discipleship? Show me how to become more consistent and disciplined in my giving.

An **INTENTIONAL GIVER** is someone who thinks about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize it in relation to other things on which they spend their money.

Question to ask: Does the relation of my giving to my other financial priorities accurately reflect how I feel about God?

Or do some changes need to be made?

God, show me what it looks like to truly recognize You are ONE and that I should give in such a way that puts You first.

A **SURRENDERED**

GIVER is someone who recognizes the power of the gospel and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver is someone who gives in a way that changes them, in a way that reflects that their giving is governing their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't just concerned with what they ARE giving but is more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why, and they seek to honor God with ALL He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource.

Question to ask: God, what am I NOT giving and why? Am I truly honoring You with 100% of what You have given me, not just a portion? God, show me what it looks like to honor You with all of my heart, soul and might.

An **ETERNAL GIVER**

is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.

Question to ask: God, do I make large resource decisions in light of eternity or in light of my time here on earth? God, show me how to better recognize that You are ONE and all things are submissive to You and driven by my love and devotion for You — not for the purposes of merely this moment but for the purposes of eternity.

W H A T ' S A
“ O N E F U N D ”
I N I T I A T I V E

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.” At Eleven22, we believe that it is all ONE MISSION that we’re on – as a movement for ALL people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. So we want to encourage all of us to unleash our generosity towards that mission.

The ONE initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every gift that is given to The Church of Eleven22 will go to the three key components of ONE: ONE Church, ONE More and ONE More Generation.

GENEROSITY GOALS

PRIMARY GOAL *That every one of us would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul and might.*

SECONDARY GOAL **\$52 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS**

GNE CHURCH | \$28.5 MILLION *(operating budget)*

Continue to be a church that glorifies God by declaring the Gospel and making disciples that make disciples.

GNE MORE | \$16 MILLION

Launch of campus number five and beyond, as well as the expansion of our Mandarin campus.

Plant prison campuses close to home and 150 churches domestically and internationally; send out 100 long-term missionaries around the world.

GNE MORE GENERATION | \$7.5 MILLION

Expand and redesign our San Pablo footprint. At all campuses create dedicated student spaces and spaces that focus attention on families with children that have special needs.

THE LORD OUR GOD THE LORD IS

GNE CHURCH MORE GENERATION

\$ What I/we normally give in a year

+

\$ My/our expanded annual generosity as part of the GNE initiative

=

\$ **x 2 years** ↓

\$

+

Gifts from my/our stored resources \$

MY/OUR 2-YEAR ONE COMMITMENT

\$

December 2018 - December 2020

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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5
'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

We've included a copy in the back pocket of this book so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God over these next two years. Please take time to think and pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new hard copy on Commitment Weekend, November 8/11.

O N E S E R M O N S E R I E S
A N D D I S C I P L E S H I P T O O L S

Our prayer for you during the next five weeks is that you will intentionally deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ as we begin this ONE Initiative, two-year discipleship journey. We prepared this guide to help you along the way. Each week we'll use the REAP method to study the Word and respond to the weekly sermon. We encourage you to take time to work through the questions and then share your thoughts in your Disciple Group.

If you're not in a Disciple Group, visit the Connect Center or www.coe22.com/disciplegroups to find one today.

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

ACTS 4:1-21

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them

go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-6

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

T H E P O I N T

When we get a vision of the ONE true God, then we must respond with our ONE and only life.

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group.

1. What does it mean for me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul and all my might? Do I currently love Him with everything I have? If not, what is keeping me from loving Him this way?
2. Does the way I live my life demonstrate God's place in my life? How does it point to Him being the ONE thing that drives everything? How does it not? In what ways does my life cause people to recognize that I've been with Jesus?
3. Where in my life have I grown comfortable with what God has already done? Am I looking forward to what He will do, expecting Him to move? How does the way I use my time, talent and treasure demonstrate this faithful expectation?

APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

As we kick off this ONE Initiative, spend time reading the first few pages of this booklet and praying about how God is calling you to fully participate in this next season of ministry for our church.

- Turn to page 1 and reread the letter from Pastor Joby. What reactions do you have to his challenge? Honestly consider if you are ready and willing to sacrifice "life as usual" things to invest in eternal things that never fade.

- Look at the defining moments of Eleven22 on pages 5 and 6, where in the timeline does your story with Eleven22 begin? What has God already done in and through you as a result of being part of this movement?
- Finally, read the Initiatives Overview on page 8. Prayerfully consider what this ONE Initiative means for you as you seek to love Him with your all by stretching to a new level of generosity and taking ONE more step in deepening your relationship with Christ. Consider what it would look like if your testimony of generosity demonstrated that He is the ONE thing in your life that drives all things?

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, I praise You that You are the ONE true God and that You allow me to love You with all of me. Thank you for saving me and placing me in this movement for all people. May I fully hear and see how You are calling me to be an active part of this next chapter. – Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

TUESDAY

ACTS 4:1-21

WEDNESDAY

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-10

THURSDAY

ISAIAH 44:1-8

FRIDAY

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

SATURDAY

JOHN 14:1-7

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

EPHESIANS 3:20-4:18

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

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T H E P O I N T

**In the body of Christ (the church), EVERYBODY counts.
We are ONE church with many members to the glory
of the ONE name that is above every name.**

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group.

1. In what ways am I using my individual resources (time, talent and treasure) to build up the body of Christ here at Eleven22, in my community and/or around the world?
2. Which part of my Discipleship Journey is God calling me to go deeper in so that I can fulfill my role in the body of Christ?
3. In what ways is God calling me to stretch out of my comfort zone, especially with the resources He's given me?
What's holding me back from taking ONE more step of faith and obedience?

APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

Turn to page 9 and read about Initiative One of the ONE Initiative. How is God calling you to be a part of the movement of Eleven22?

God gives each of us unique gifts, for the purpose of the building up of His church for His glory. It is our responsibility to recognize and understand our gifting in order to walk in a manner worthy of our calling. Take the spiritual gifts test at coe22.com/tools and write down your top three or four gifts. Be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group this week how can you leverage the gifts God has given you within The Church of Eleven22, our community and/or the world.

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, I know that You are able to do far more abundantly than all I could ask or think, so please help me to trust You completely with all that I have – because it is all Yours to begin with. Help me to use the gifts and talents that You have given me to serve Your body well. – Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

EPHESIANS 3:20-4:16

TUESDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 12

WEDNESDAY

MATTHEW 16:13-20

THURSDAY

ROMANS 12:3-8

FRIDAY

1 PETER 2:1-12

SATURDAY

JOHN 17

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

LUKE 15:1-32

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran

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and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

T H E P O I N T

Because of God’s relentless generosity toward us, may we leverage all that He has given us to reach ONE more for the glory of God.

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group.

1. Am I fully leveraging all that God has so generously given me to contribute to the body of Christ as we reach ONE more for His glory? If not, why?
 2. Who is my ONE more? How am I intentionally “going after” them so that they may know and experience God’s love for them?
 3. What is something I’m hesitant to do to reach my ONE more? What’s holding me back? Why am I not using all that God has given me to reach my ONE more?
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APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you’ve learned to your life this week.

Turn to page 11 and read about Initiative Two of the ONE Initiative. Then, spend some time looking at your bank accounts and your calendar from the past several months. How else might God be calling you to stretch and sacrifice so that you can more greatly leverage the time and treasure He generously gives you for the sake of ONE more coming to know the ONE name by which we must be saved?

Consider writing your prayers for your ONE more in a journal or notebook to be shared with them at a later date...perhaps when they need encouragement or a reminder of God’s love for them...

or perhaps once they've surrendered to the Lord as a testament of God's work in them.

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord God, thank you for allowing me to know and experience the depths of Your love and for showing me ONE person in my life that needs to experience Your love. Remind me of Your Holy Spirit's presence so I may rely on Your words and courage to go after my ONE more, using all that You've generously given me. - Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

LUKE 15

TUESDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

WEDNESDAY

JAMES 5:19-20

THURSDAY

JOHN 15:12-17

FRIDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

SATURDAY

JOHN 10

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

MATTHEW 18:1-6

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

JOSHUA 24:1

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

JOSHUA 24:14-16

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods...”

JUDGES 2:6-10

⁶ When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land.⁷ And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel.⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at

the age of 110 years. ⁹ And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath Heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. ¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

T H E P O I N T

What if in God's economy, success is not measured by what you do, but in who you raise?

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group.

1. What is my view of success? Am I more focused on material things or relationships? Am I striving for temporary rewards or eternal rewards?
 2. Who has God placed in my life to raise up as part of the next generation? (children, nieces/nephews, grandchildren, friends, students, community, orphans, foster-care, etc.)
 3. Am I willing to do whatever it takes to help reach ONE more generation? What does “passing on the torch of faith” to the next generation look like in my life?
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APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you’ve learned to your life this week.

Turn to page 12 and read about Initiative Three of the ONE Initiative. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify ways that you could be more invested in raising up the next generation. How is God calling you to sacrificially give of your time, talent and/or treasure so that ONE more generation will know the saving grace of Jesus?

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PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, as You let us see generations with fresh eyes, we pray for generational sin to be broken and entire families to come to know You as Lord. As I embark on this ONE journey, I pray that You would reveal to me the people You desire for me to raise up as part of the next generation. Show me how I can “pass the torch” in a real and practical way! - Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

MATTHEW 18:1-6

TUESDAY

JOSHUA 24, JUDGES 2

WEDNESDAY

LUKE 18:15-17

THURSDAY

PSALM 145

FRIDAY

PROVERBS 4:10-27

SATURDAY

PSALM 78:1-8

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-6

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

GENESIS 1:1

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

JOHN 1:1-3, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ROMANS 5:8

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 JOHN 4:19

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

MATTHEW 6:33

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

PROVERBS 3:9-10

⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

MATTHEW 6:21

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

EXODUS 13:1, 12-15

13 The Lord said to Moses,

¹² you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.' ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

T H E P O I N T

**We BRING to God our FIRST and BEST
because God FIRST loved us by giving
His FIRST and BEST in Christ.**

N O T E S

CONTINUED

EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your Disciple Group.

1. Is God the ONE thing in my life that drives all other things? How does the way I use my time, talent and treasure reflect God's place in my life?
 2. How am I practicing first-fruit giving as a response to Christ being first and best in my life? Am I offering God leftovers or generously giving Him all that is His to begin with?
 3. What is holding me back from allowing every aspect of my life (work, family, friendship, etc.) to really display who God is?
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APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

Look back over your notes from the previous four weeks and consider these questions:

- What has the Lord revealed to you about your generosity and how that speaks to Him being the ONE thing in your life that drives all things?
- What steps of faith is God calling you to as you seek to love Him with all your heart, soul and might?
- In what way going forward in the ONE Initiative are you most relying on the Holy Spirit's help?

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PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, thank you for what You have done in my life over the last five weeks. Thank you for stirring affections in my heart to refocus on what is most important. I confess that I am prone to wander and, as this discipleship journey is just beginning, more than anything else in this world, I need more of You! – Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

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MATTHEW 6:19-24

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MATTHEW:6:25-34

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PROVERBS 3:9-10

FRIDAY

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

SATURDAY

LUKE 21:1-4



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