

# SESSION 2

ALL IN REQUIRES

# trust

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## ABOUT THIS SESSION

When the Bible talks about faith, it means more than believing something other people don't think is true. Biblical faith isn't just on the inside; it affects everything. In fact, the faith commended in God's Word is about trust and letting go; it's about being ALL IN.

Trusting God is easy when it doesn't really matter or when there's nothing at stake. But what about when trusting God comes with a price tag? What about when having everything that God longs to give us requires that we let go of things we also want to hang on to? In one of Jesus' shortest parables He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.” (Matthew 13:44). There's a lot in this little story, but the main point is that in order to get the priceless treasure of the kingdom of heaven, the man is willing to sell everything. He goes ALL IN to get the treasure that is only found in God's Kingdom.

**“As we continue our journey with Abram, we're going to see that he's holding even the Promised Land loosely. He doesn't own it yet but he's not trying to hoard it in the meantime. He's ALL IN for God's plan, God's timing, and God's way of doing things. He's trusting God even when the next step isn't clear.”**





COME

*together*

**Small Group Host Note:** Open your group with prayer. This should be a brief, simple prayer, in which you invite God to be with you as you meet. You can pray for specific requests at the end of the meeting, or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Since this is only your second session, you may still be in the “getting to know one another” phase, so pass around a sheet of paper. Have everyone introduce themselves again and write down the contact information for any new people. Ask someone to make copies or type up a list with everyone’s information and email it to the group this week. Then, begin your time together by using the following questions and activities to get people talking.

### QUESTIONS

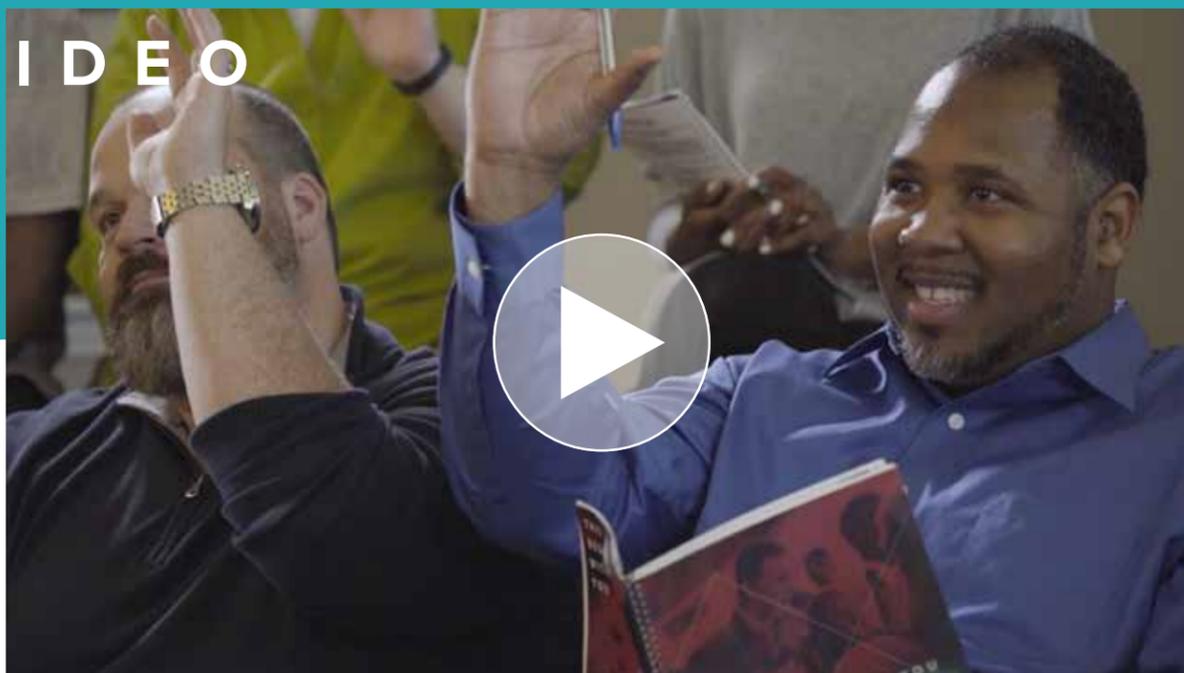
- 1 When you think of the expression “ALL IN,” what are some of the inspiring or funny pictures that come to your mind?
- 2 Describe a time when someone trusted you and it made a big difference in your life.

Trust is one of the core values of healthy small groups. It’s normal to see our sense of trust in the rest of the group grow from week to week as we get to know each other better and better. Last week you may have looked at the Small Group Agreement on page 114 but if there are several new people this week it would be worth reviewing those basic agreements.

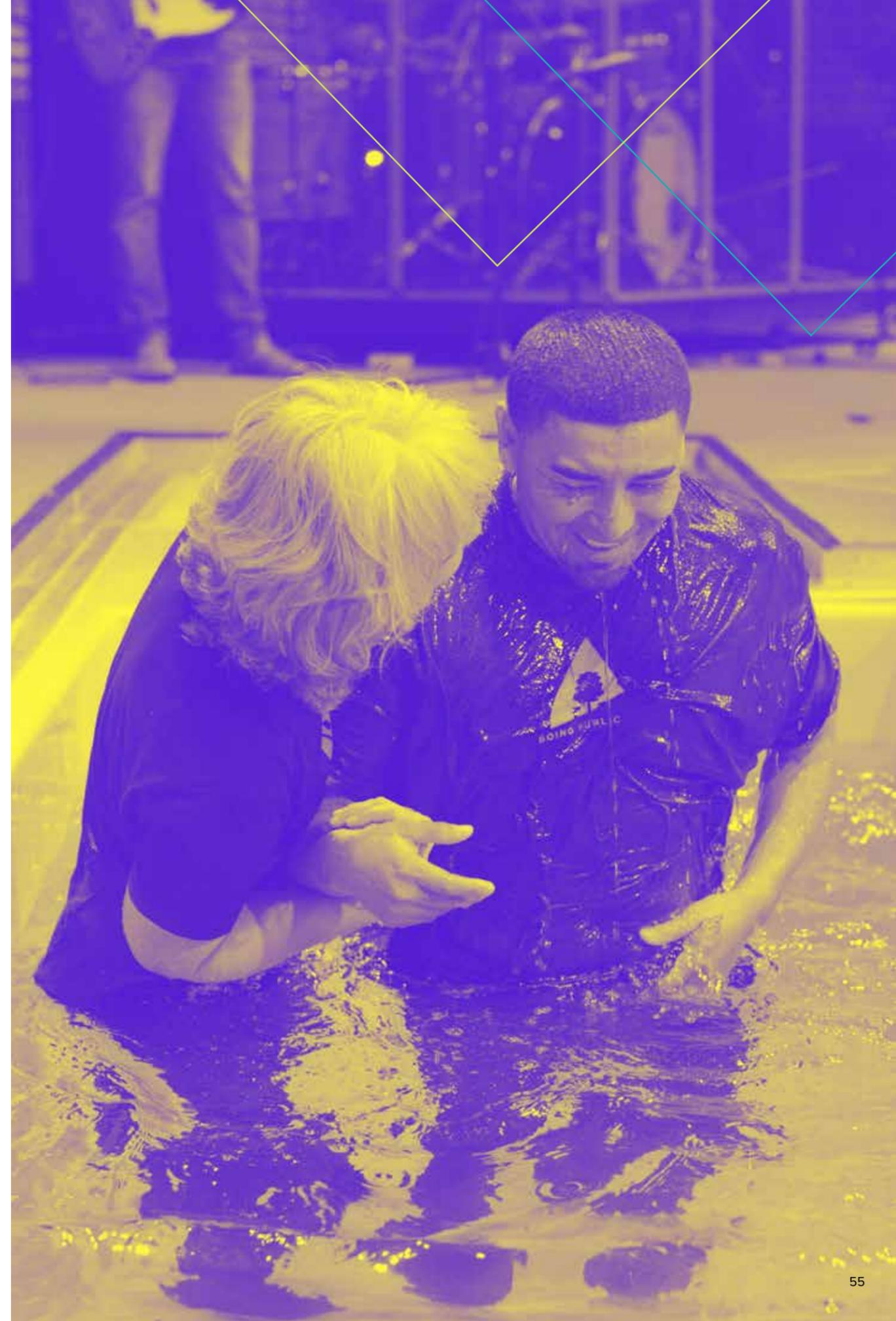
Take care of any housekeeping matters at this point, making sure the locations for upcoming meetings are clear, and talking about any other specific assignments.

Give newcomers an opportunity to ask any questions they might have for the group.

# WATCH THE VIDEO



You can watch the video online at [allin.theoaksonline.org](http://allin.theoaksonline.org) or on the ALL IN DVD. This second session video will take us more deeply into the experience of Abram as Pastor Scott teaches us about the trust factors in Abram's life. Use the space provided to record any key thoughts, questions, and things you want to remember or follow up on. After watching the video, have someone read the Scripture passage and questions in the Learn Together section and direct the discussion among the group. As you go through each of the subsequent sections, ask someone else to read the questions and direct the discussion.





# GROW TOGETHER



One of the keys to healthy application is realizing that when God teaches us something, living out that lesson will almost always involve other people. Note how the following questions move you in that direction.

In this section, talk about how you will apply the wisdom you've learned from the teaching and Bible study. Then think about practical steps you can take in the coming week to live out what you've learned.

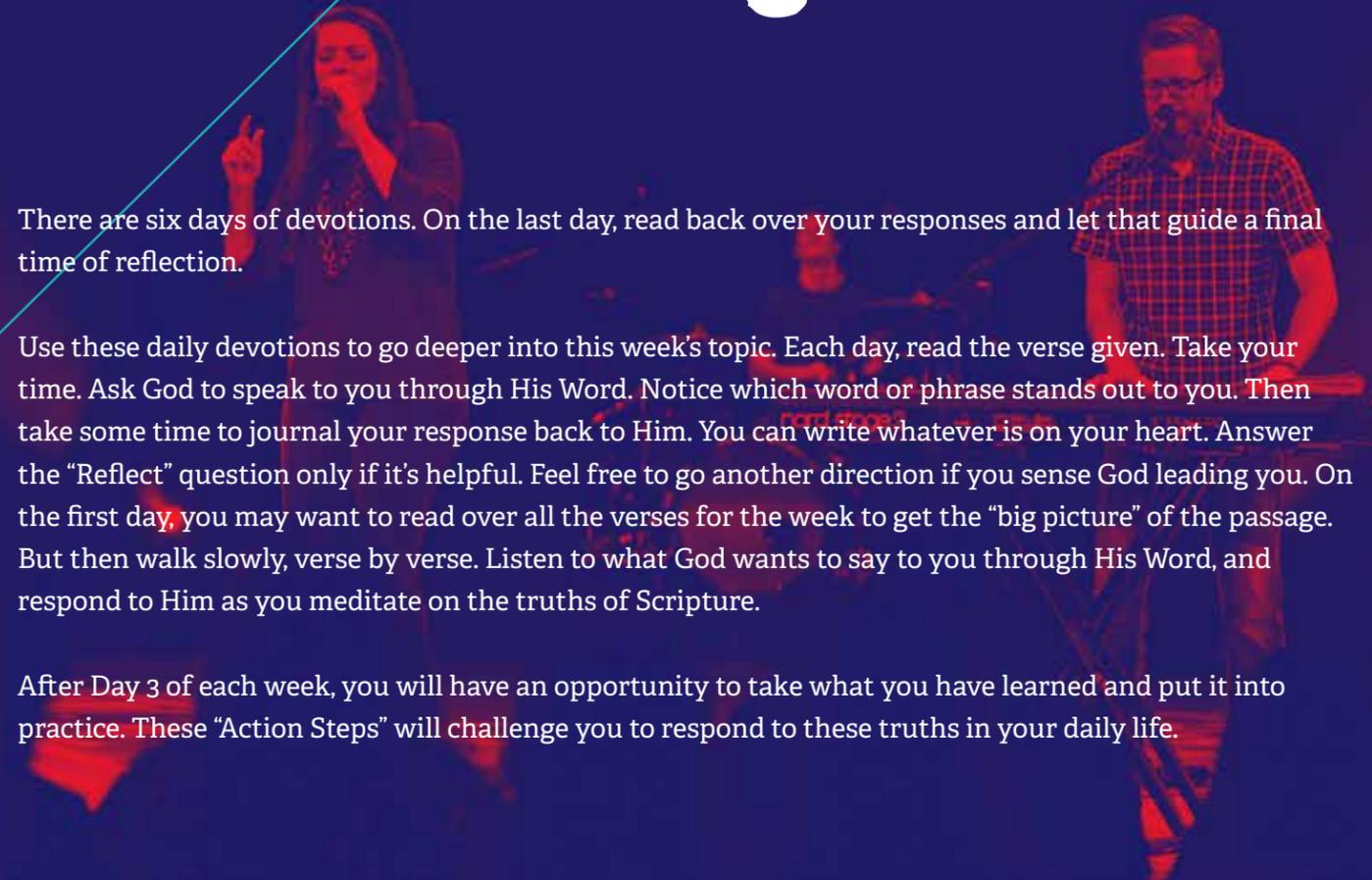
- 1 What does trusting God look like in your life right now?
- 2 What kinds of baggage from your past or barriers in the present might be hindering your ability and willingness to trust God and the people in church?
- 3 What's wrong with this statement: "I want to be known as a follower of Jesus, but I don't want to have to trust Him in any meaningful way"?

## PRAY TOGETHER

To close your time together, spend some time praying.

- 1 Ask everyone to share, "How can we pray for you this week?" Be sure to write prayer requests on our Prayer and Praise Report on page 120.  
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- 2 Close your meeting with prayer.  
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# DAILY devotionals



There are six days of devotions. On the last day, read back over your responses and let that guide a final time of reflection.

Use these daily devotions to go deeper into this week's topic. Each day, read the verse given. Take your time. Ask God to speak to you through His Word. Notice which word or phrase stands out to you. Then take some time to journal your response back to Him. You can write whatever is on your heart. Answer the "Reflect" question only if it's helpful. Feel free to go another direction if you sense God leading you. On the first day, you may want to read over all the verses for the week to get the "big picture" of the passage. But then walk slowly, verse by verse. Listen to what God wants to say to you through His Word, and respond to Him as you meditate on the truths of Scripture.

After Day 3 of each week, you will have an opportunity to take what you have learned and put it into practice. These "Action Steps" will challenge you to respond to these truths in your daily life.

## MEMORY VERSE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

## DAY 1

Read Philippians 2:4

*"...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

### REFLECT

How does trusting God translate into less concern about self and more interest in helping others and the Body of Christ?

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## DAY 2

Read Matthew 6:33

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

### REFLECT

This is the alternative to worry Jesus offers in the extended passage of Matthew 6:25-34. In what ways is worry a clue that we're not trusting God?

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