



All In Mission and Engagement Ideas

When we are “all in,” great, lasting transformation can take place. We also honor God by using the gifts we have been given. Here are some ways to go “all in” as individuals or as a church.

Using Our Individual Gifts

We have been given gifts, skills, and resources and are called to use them for God’s mission and ministry in the world. Encourage your congregation to identify their gifts and ways they can use them in ministry and mission in the next three months. Here are two tools to help people identify their gifts:

- Asset Based Community Development identifies three types of individual gifts: head (knowledge), heart (passions), and hands (physical ability). Encourage your congregation to identify their gifts in each of these three areas as they go “all in” by applying them to a mission opportunity or by starting a new mission ministry that aligns their gifts with a hope of the community.
- Take the [Spiritual Gifts Inventory](#) offered by Discipleship Ministry. Encourage your congregation to discuss their spiritual gifts in a small group and identify how they can use them in ministry and mission.

Using Our Corporate Gifts

Exercise 1: Identify the strengths of your congregation (skills, physical space, relationships, and resources). How can you use these strengths and assets to support the community?

Exercise 2: Make a list of your current mission ministries. Are there any barriers in participation (age, ability, financial status, time)? Identify how you can expand your mission ministries to be more inclusive to all who would like to participate, so the church can go all in together!

Example: Do you have a sandwich making ministry that meets one day a week at the church? You could consider the following to include more people:

- Allow people to make sandwiches at home and drop them off if they are unable to meet at the designated sandwich making time
- Encourage persons to donate sandwich making materials
- Encourage people to donate financially to the food ministry
- Encourage people to serve the sandwiches when they are able to that day
- Encourage people to include gifts that are given with the sandwiches (drawing, letter, prayer, prayer blanket, etc.)
- Encourage people to pray for the ministry and those receiving the sandwiches