

FAMILY CONFERENCE GUIDE

CROSSPOINT

PURPOSE: To determine what God is leading your family to give to our **ALL IN** campaign.

PREPARATION:

1. As a family, discuss daily what you have learned from the devotional guide and sermons as you prepare for your family's conference.
2. Set an appointed time for the conference (free from distraction) for the family to meet, pray, study and discuss what your commitment will be. The conference will likely take 30-60 minutes, depending on how your family works through the guide.
3. Ask each family member to begin thinking and praying about sacrifices that your family can make in order to give generously and sacrificially.

DATES: Hold your Family Conference some time between Nov. 14 and Nov. 19 so that you are prepared to make your family's commitment on Commitment Sunday (Nov. 20)

LEADER: Preferably, the head of the household will lead the discussion with all family members present.

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SUGGESTED STEPS:

1. The Leader opens in prayer, inviting God's presence and leadership in this conference and asking God to give a spirit of love, unity and generosity to your family.
2. As a family, read and discuss the Bible passages listed below. Ask each other, "What does God teach us about giving through these verses?" Write down the principles you come up with in the space provided.

Proverbs 3:9-10 _____

Proverbs 11:24-25 _____

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 _____

3. Ask family members to recall other principles they remember about giving and sacrifice from the devotional guide and sermons. Write those down, also. _____

4. Ask each other to talk about sacrifices they and the family could make in order to give to our ALL IN campaign now and over the next two years. Be sure to give everyone a chance to answer this question so that every family member can personally contribute to your decision; when this happens, each person has the opportunity to experience the joy of giving sacrificially to God. Write down any ideas you have below:

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5. Now spend time praying as a family. Give each family member an opportunity to pray for different topics. Cover the following areas in your time together.

- a. Spend some time thanking and praising God.
- b. Pray for Crosspoint to keep its focus on connecting people to Christ and community.
- c. Ask for God's direction and help in making a financial commitment according to His will.

6. Compare God's principles for giving (written under the Bible verses from #2) with ideas of family members (#4). Do they line up with each other? Does anything need to be added or changed? Write down any other suggestions offered:

7. With God's principles for giving and sacrificing as well as your family's ideas in mind, how can your family contribute to ALL IN? Decide as a family what you will give and write it down on your ALL IN commitment card. (An example of the card is shown on the right.)

8. Close in a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for your family as you step out in faith and give you joy in giving. Thank Him for what He has done and will do as you make your investment in ALL IN to see lives changed for God's glory.

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the time has come
COMMITMENT CARD

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

With dependence on God, I commit to the ALL IN campaign of Crosspoint over a two-year period, by committing to the following:

1 Kick-off gift
To be given on Nov. 20, 2011
Commitment Sunday \$ _____

2 Two-year commitment
I will give \$ _____ every:
o week o month o other _____ \$ _____
(x1 04) (x24) (two-year total)

3 Gift in kind (non-cash)
Please give a brief description
of the gift: _____ \$ _____
(approximate)

+ Total of all commitments
Please total the three items
above. \$ _____

SIGNATURE

DATE