



## Growth Group Discussion Guide for the Week of September 17, 2017

### All In: All In All

*Begin with the Ice Breaker question in order for everyone to get better acquainted and get in the habit of opening up. **Ice Breaker: What was your favorite book or story as a child, and why did you like it?***

*Open your discussion with a prayer inviting God's presence into your group.*

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor John said that the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus is the theme of the Book of Colossians. Explain what that means to you, in your own words.
2. What is the most daring thing you have done for Jesus?
3. The Colossian church began as an outgrowth of Paul's 3-year ministry in Ephesus. Take turns reading aloud Acts 19 for background on Paul's ministry there.
  - a. What do you learn about the relationship between faith in Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit (vv. 1-6)?
  - b. How are verses 11-12 evidence of Paul's influence throughout the region?
  - c. Compare verses 8-9 with 13-15. How do these two groups of Jews view Jesus differently?
  - d. If you were one of Sceva's sons, what would you say about Jesus after being jumped by this evil spirit (v.16)?
  - e. From the reaction of the crowd in verses 17-19, how would you describe the general response to Jesus prior to verses 13-16? Why would those events change people's ideas so much?
  - f. What was Demetrius's motivation in rallying the people against Paul?
  - g. Could Demetrius have kept his business and become a Christian? How have your business dealings been affected by your faith?
  - h. Knowing how the riot ended, why do you think the disciples would not let Paul appear before the crowd?
4. Read Colossians 2:2-4.
  - a. How could you turn this passage into a prayer for your group?
5. This is your first meeting of the session: Take some time to review your small group agreement and clarify expectations.

*Close with a time of prayer. Consider breaking into groups of men and women. Remember to give thanks as well.*