

# THRIVE | How to Build a Thriving Church

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## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

### Our Group Project with Eternal Significance:

God's mission is for us to join God in reconciling people to Himself by saving faith in Jesus Christ and make disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our vision is to commit to be a church where each member is called to live IN Christ, equipped to live LIKE Christ, and sent to live FOR Christ.

**“All In” (Romans 12:1) –**

## **THREE REASONS WE ARE “ALL IN”**

### 1. “ALL IN” for one another to spiritually thrive (vv 1-3)

Two Essential Elements

- Flourishing faith
  - grow exceedingly
- Increasing love

**2. “ALL IN” to persevere in a culture that rejects obedience to Jesus (vv 4-10)**

***2 Timothy 3:10-12***

Two Assurances for Believers to Persevere

- God will repay those who oppose Christ (vv 5-6)
  
- God will relieve those who obey Christ (vv 7-10)

“On that day” -

**3. “ALL IN” to glorify Jesus by fulfilling God’s mission (vv 11-12)**

Paul’s continuous prayer –

Whose glory are we to live for? (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:31; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you glorifying Christ as part of your church family?