

ALLIANCE 101 GUIDE & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Alliance 101 is designed to be a flexible, expandable, digital resource that a pastor or leader can use to introduce people to The Christian and Missionary Alliance. It is also for anyone—including curious individuals—who wants to broaden their understanding of The Alliance or go a bit deeper. The modules are designed to be a resource for district staff, new workers' orientation, higher education institutions, and individuals.

A101 is an interactive website with the basic foundation of information about the C&MA. The Alliance 101 website is organized into seven corresponding modules. Each module is written so that you can read it in any order you choose. You don't have to worry about missing anything. In fact, you'll find that some subjects come up in more than one module!

As you're reading and interacting with A101, our hope is that you—whether as an individual or in

a group—can draw closer to the Lord, learn more about what it means to be missional, lean into how the Spirit is leading you, and become more acquainted with The Alliance and our heart for taking God's Word to all the earth.

Each module will have this guide, along with reflection questions. We invite you to take some time to reflect and pray about what the Lord is speaking to you. The questions at the end of each module are designed to encourage you to dig deeper, to lean into what God is saying, and to challenge you in your walk with Christ.

Note: This is the current state of A101. We will continuously be developing and updating our modules. This is not a curriculum, but we hope that this will invite you—either as an individual or a group—and allow you to experience The Alliance in a new way.

MODULE 5 - DEEPER LIFE

Learn more about the spiritual roots of The Alliance—a deeper life in Christ.

SNAPSHOT

The themes of a deeper life and missions were tied together from our earliest days in The Alliance. A. B. Simpson believed that as the work of God goes deeper in us, the Word of God flows more broadly from us. God's heart is for the world, and as our hearts are joined more intimately with His, we share His passions. This is why The Alliance is often referred to as a "deeper life and missions movement." The deeper life finds its greatest expression when the gospel takes root and flourishes among the peoples of the world.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What are some characteristics that come to mind when you hear the phrase "deeper life and missions movement"?
- Are there ways, like Simpson, that you have experienced a deep inner working of God in your life?
- Are there aspects of the Holy Spirit that you feel are unclear to you?
- The Alliance's vision statement is *All of Jesus for All the World*. All of Jesus means that there is more to our Christian faith than just praying to get into heaven—it is about our whole lives and knowing all of Jesus. How do you see that working out in your own life?
- What are some practical ways that you can commit to going deeper with God?

ALLIANCE 101 MODULE SNAP SHOTS

MODULE 1 - WHO WE ARE

SNAPSHOT: In this module, you'll learn more about who The Christian and Missionary Alliance is, including our background, beliefs, output, heritage, and our impacts. After interacting with the module, you'll have a clear understanding and overview of who we are as the C&MA.

MODULE 2 - CHRIST-CENTERED, ACTS 1:8 FAMILY

SNAPSHOT: Our identity in The Christian and Missionary Alliance is rooted in Jesus Christ. Our mission is to know Him, exalt Him as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King, and complete His Great Commission. We call ourselves a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family. What does that mean?

MODULE 3 - WHAT WE BELIEVE

SNAPSHOT: What does The Alliance really believe? Do we actually do what we say we do? Are we authentic in our claims of bringing all of Jesus to all the world? In this module, you will learn more about what The Alliance believes, why we believe what we believe, and what it really means to proclaim our beliefs in word and deed, "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3:17).

MODULE 4 - WHAT WE DO

SNAPSHOT: What we do stems from who we are, which stems from what we believe. We passionately follow God's leading, and out of that, we are faithfully formed. Because of our formation in Christ, we are able—even more so, we are called—to minister to a wide network of people—of all ages, in the places closest to home and the furthest.

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MODULE 6 - MISSIONS

SNAPSHOT: One of the historical characteristics that distinguishes The Christian and Missionary Alliance from some other evangelical bodies in North America is its compelling concern for reaching the lost world and bringing them into maturity in Christ.

MODULE 7 - OUR HERITAGE

SNAPSHOT: The testimonies, timelines, and stories of The Alliance really showcase who we are. Our heritage is deeply important to the present and the future—the C&MA is constantly growing, and we recognize that understanding our growth begins with looking at our history.