

# GRACE POINT

## 4 Thoughts That Can Still Change the World Part 2: Spend Less

Luke 1:42-55; Philippians 4:11; Isaiah 55:2

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. “What do you want for Christmas?” A question we’ve been asked since we were kids. But the reality is we don’t always get what we want. Share with one another about a time you didn’t get what you wanted. How did you respond to the disappointment?
3. What about a time when you got exactly what you wanted? How long were you satisfied with the gift? What can we learn from those experiences?
4. In many ways King Herod was ruling over the empire of more; more buildings, more money, more prestige, etc. Tim said we are living in “the empire of more” today as well. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
5. Read Luke 1:46-55. Have you ever thought of Mary’s song as rebellious or dangerous?
6. Read Philippians 4:11b. How does someone learn to be content? Where is it tempting for you to be a consumer, to over-indulge?
7. What are we teaching our kids in the way we give gifts and spend at Christmas?
8. In what ways do you need to spend less: less money, less time, less energy? What adjustments do you need to make in order to learn to be content?

### MOVING FORWARD

Spending less is one of the ways we can change the world. More than just an invitation to say no to overspending and mindless gifts, it’s an invitation to celebrating Christmas in a new way. When we resist the empire of more, our time and energy are freed up and we are able to give relational gifts to others. That changes the world one person, one couple, and one family at a time.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.*

Philippians 4:11b