Weekend Discussion Guide

Advent: Week 2

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Ice Breaker

Last week, Ashley challenged our church to practice Advent every day leading up to Christmas. How did it go for you? What was your biggest takeaway?

Discuss 1

Read <u>Acts 20:35</u> and <u>Luke 19:10</u>. Ashley mentioned that the one thing that can hijack our Christmas the most is gifts. When could gifts become a danger to our focus? How could practicing Advent realign our focus?

Discuss 2

Read <u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>. Why did the wise man travel so far to see Jesus? Was it to give Him gifts, or was there a deeper reason? If worshiping Jesus is the ultimate goal at Christmas, how can you protect your heart and mind from centering your attention on gifts?

Discuss 3

Ashley gave us three gift suggestions that Jesus wants this Christmas: (1) Give generously to something beyond you, (2) give an invitation for someone to join you at CCV, and (3) Give Jesus you. How do each of these gift suggestions center our focus on Jesus?

Takeaway

From this list of gift suggestions for Jesus, which gift do you need to give this Christmas? How do you plan to give that gift?