



ADVENT CONSPIRACY DECEMBER 2019



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Advent Conspiracy was founded on the radical idea that we can celebrate Christmas humbly, beautifully, and generously. Advent is the story of a wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It is the greatest story ever told and it changes everything, including the way we celebrate Christmas.

1. Do you feel that Christmas is too commercialized? Why or why not? Is that a problem? Are you surprised to hear that holiday spending exceeded \$1 Trillion last year?
2. Growing up how did your family “spend” at Christmas time? Does your family have a Christmas “spending plan” that you stick to?
3. Why do you think people spend so much at Christmas time?
4. Would your Christmas suffer if you spent less this year? Sunday we were challenged to ask some different questions about our spending. 1) Is this something I want or need? 2) Can I afford to spend this amount? 3) How many presents do we actually need? 4) What did we do with the presents from last year? How could asking these questions impact how you spend this Christmas?
5. Read Philippians 2:3-8: What is the focus of this passage? How can spending less on ‘stuff’ help us compassionately value others above ourselves?
6. The invitation to rebel against Christmas consumerism is an invitation to be more compassionate and responsible in your giving. Often times though, we think the more we spend the happier we will make people. Is that really true? How can you bring joy to others even when you don’t overspend?
7. How could your Christmas look different if you spent less, if you gave more thoughtfully, if you prayed before you purchased?

Prayer Time: