

# Advent Conspiracy

Advent Conspiracy - Wk 3

“Spend Less”

Isaiah 9:2-7

*If you want to do things differently this Christmas—practice what it means to Spend Less.*

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THERE IS A WAR ON CHRISTMAS—A NEARLY \$600 BILLION WAR  
HOW CAN WE BEGIN TO CELEBRATE DIFFERENTLY?

**BECAUSE IF YOU WANT TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY THIS CHRISTMAS YOU WILL NEED TO: GIVE MORE, SPEND LESS, WORSHIP FULLY AND SPEND LESS**

## **BROKEN BULBS, MEMORIES & SPENDING**

### **THE ANSWER LIES IN THE STORY OF JESUS' ARRIVAL**

CAESAR AUGUSTUS - GOOD NEWS, STARS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- WHAT DID CAESAR STAND FOR? EMPIRE—MATERIALISM
- \$25,000 ROMAN TABLES—DISCOVERED FROM 1ST CENTURY ISRAEL
- BUT WITH JESUS - THE GOOD NEWS IS FOR EVERYONE, THE STAR SUMMONS GENTILES, THE PROCLAMATIONS ARE FOR SALVATION FOR ALL OF CREATION

**SO WHY DO WE STILL GO ABOUT ACTING LIKE THE EMPIRE HAS ALL THE ANSWERS?**

*IT'S NOT ABOUT OUR SPENDING AND OUR STUFF—IT'S ABOUT A SAVIOR*

### **IN THE END IT'S ABOUT THE MEMORIES WE MAKE—THE ETERNAL THINGS**

*IT'S ABOUT FINALLY SEEING THE LIGHT AND KNOWING IT SHINES WITHIN US...*

*AND NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FEEDING THE EMPIRE.*

### **ISAIAH 9:2-7**

*THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS...*

*HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT...*

### **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS ADVENT TO SHARE THE LIGHT?**

*STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND AND SHARE THE STORY OF THE SEASON...*

*SPEND SOME TIME DOING SOMETHING FOR OTHERS...*

*OPEN YOUR HOME TO YOUR NEIGHBORS...*

*HAVE YOUR KIDS PICK GIFTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES...*

*AND PILE INTO THE CAR AND GO LOOK AT SOME LIGHTS.*

*PUSH BACK AGAINST THE SCHEDULE, LIGHT A CANDLE AND RESIST URGENCY*

**BECAUSE IF WE WANT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT CHRISTMAS CAN STILL SAVE THE WORLD, WE NEED TO REALIZE FIRST THAT WE NEED SAVING MOST OF ALL...**

## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

#### *I Like Giving.*

*Brand Formsma*

#### *Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change The World?*

*Rick McKinley & Cris Seay*

#### *Come Let Us Adore Him (Advent Devotional)*

*Paul David Tripp*

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