Ney Church of God

Talk It Over

ADVENT CONSPIRACY — WEEK 1

WORSHIP FULLY

Opening Thought

Is it possible to celebrate Christmas and somehow miss Christ? How can we avoid “missing it”?

Key Takeaway: Worship isn't simply about giving God our attention. It's about giving Him our lives.

Read Together: Luke 2:1–20, Romans 12:1–2, John 4:23–24

Let's Talk About It

1. Recognizing Jesus

The shepherds heard the announcement of Jesus' birth and immediately went to Bethlehem. They returned glorifying and praising God.

- What do you think made the shepherds' response so significant?
- How should recognizing Jesus as Savior and Lord change the way we approach Christmas?

2. Worship Is a Way of Life

Romans 12:1 describes worship as offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices.

- When you hear the word *worship*, what typically comes to mind?
- How does Paul's description broaden our understanding of worship?
- What are some ways we worship God outside of Sunday morning?

3. Reordering Our Priorities

The sermon emphasized this principle: "Whatever consistently receives our attention will eventually influence our priorities."

- What are some things that tend to compete for our attention during the Christmas season?
- Have you ever reached Christmas Day feeling like you were so busy preparing for Christmas that you missed actually experiencing it?
- What might it look like to allow Jesus to shape your Christmas rather than simply fitting Him into it?

4. Putting Worship Fully into Practice

Worship Fully is the foundation for the other three Advent Conspiracy practices: Spend Less, Give More, and Love All.

- How might spending less, giving more, and loving others become expressions of worship?
- What is one practical change you could make this Christmas to keep Jesus at the center?

This Week's Challenge

Before adding another activity to your calendar, making another purchase, or getting caught up in the preparations, stop and ask: "Does this help me celebrate Christ, or is it simply adding more noise to an already busy season?”

Close in Prayer

Ask God to help your group keep Jesus at the center of Christmas. Pray that your worship will extend beyond Sunday morning and influence your time, priorities, resources, and relationships.