Ney Church of God

Talk It Over

GIVE MORE

Advent Conspiracy — Week 3

Primary Scripture: John 1:1–5, 10–14

Key Takeaway: The greatest gift we can give isn't something we buy; it's ourselves. When we spend less on things, we can give more of our time, presence, and resources to God and others.

1. God's Greatest Gift

Read John 1:14.

God didn't give the world more things. He gave us Himself. Through Jesus, God entered our world and made His dwelling among us.

- Why do you think we often equate giving with buying something?
- How does understanding the incarnation change the way you think about giving?
- What makes the gift of God's presence more valuable than material possessions?

2. Give More by Slowing Down

Christmas often becomes a season of rushing from one event to another. Yet some of the most meaningful gifts are those that cause us to slow down and remember the relationships that matter.

- What are some things that tend to make your Christmas season feel rushed?
- Can you think of a meaningful gift you've received that cost very little financially?
- How could you give someone a gift that encourages reflection, memories, or meaningful connection?

CHALLENGE: Give gifts that cause people to slow down and remember the relationships that matter.

3. Give More of Your Presence

Jesus didn't remain distant. He came and lived among us. Emmanuel means God with us. Sometimes the greatest gift we can give another person is simply our time and attention.

- Why do you think time together often means more than the presents we exchange?
- What are some ways technology, schedules, or distractions keep us from being fully present with others?
- What is one intentional activity you could do with family or friends this Christmas?

CHALLENGE: Give more of your time. Slow down, laugh, share memories, and enjoy being together.

4. Give More to the World

Jesus invested in people throughout His ministry. In the same way, spending less on ourselves can free up resources to bless others and help people discover Jesus.

- How can spending less actually allow us to give more?
- What needs or opportunities in our community or around the world could benefit from our generosity?
- How might our generosity help someone else experience the love of Jesus?

CHALLENGE: Use what you save to make a difference in someone else's life and help others discover Jesus.

Putting It Into Practice

This Christmas, don't simply look for ways to spend less. Look for ways to give more of yourself. Which of these four challenges is most difficult for you? What is one specific thing you can do this week to put it into practice?

Slow down. Give more of yourself. Invest in relationships. Give to the world. And above all, make room for Emmanuel — God with us.