

Advent Conspiracy
Week 2 - Spend Less
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What my wife taught me...

Big Idea: Spending less _____ for us to give more.

3 Observations about God, Money, and Christmas

1. Our _____ follow our treasure. (Matthew 6:19-21, 24)

2. _____ is the antidote to greed. (1 Timothy 6:6-11)

3. God's blessings aren't meant to be _____; they're meant to be shared.
(2 Corinthians 9:8-11)

Next Steps:

1. Identify a _____ for Christmas and spend within that _____.
2. Decrease by at least _____.
3. _____ how you'll be generous to others.
4. _____ your story with us.

Discussion Questions:

- How has God been speaking to you and your community group through the Advent Conspiracy?
- Describe your childhood experience with Christmas and presents. In what ways do you see your attitude today as a response to or a reaction against that experience?
- How have you seen your spending at Christmas to be an expression of what's going on in your heart?
- In what way does comparison make contentment difficult for you?
- In what areas are you being tempted to accumulate God's blessings rather than share them?
- Did you go and check what you spent last year on Christmas? What was your reaction to what you learned?
- What do you feel like "spend less" needs to look like for you and your family this Christmas?
- What is the current state of your plan to be generous this Christmas?

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