

Advent Conspiracy

Give More

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. – John 3:16-17 (ESV)

He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." – Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Share what is one of your favorite and most meaningful Christmas gifts that you have ever received?
- What do you say you treasure more, good memories or nice gifts? Why?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read John 3: 16-17 and Luke 19:1-10. What do the two sections of scripture have in common ?
- What is the cause of Zacchaeus' reaction in Luke 19:1-10? What changed him?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How can the idea of spend less and give more go together, why would it seem to conflict?
- What are some creative ways you can give more without spending more?
- Have you ever felt compelled to give like Zacchaeus gave? Why and how?
- In what ways do you want to Give this Christmas season?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Ways to give more without spending more money, try giving your time by volunteer somewhere or spending time with someone you know might be lonely?
- Who is someone you can give the love of Jesus to this year?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.