

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### ADVENT: Christmas is Not Your Birthday.

December 11, 2022



1. Last week we were challenged to practice Advent. Did you do so, and what did it look like for your household?

Was it difficult to remind yourself to see Jesus in the midst of everything else?

2. Read Acts 20:35. At this stage in your life, are you more excited about giving gifts at Christmas or receiving them?

Can trying to find the perfect gift for someone take your focus away from the one whose birth we're supposed to be remembering at Christmas?

3. Read James 1:17. What are the good and perfect gifts, and how can you share them with your family and friends this Christmas?

4. Read Matthew 2:1-12. What's unusual about the Magi's visit?

Were the gifts the main reason for the visit?

What kinds of gifts did they give?

Why did they give those particular gifts?

How do you think those gifts were used? (Hint... what's happening in verse 13?)

5. Read Matthew 2:2 & 11 again. How can you make worshipping Jesus a greater priority than giving gifts to someone else this year?
6. In the sermon this week there were three gift suggestions for Jesus. Can you remember what they were?

How do these three suggestions help us to focus on Jesus?

7. Read Matthew 5:23-24. What's important about this verse as we think about giving gifts to Jesus or anyone else this Christmas?

**Challenge: What gift can you give to Jesus this Christmas?**