



STUDY GUIDE

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 12.01.2019

[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
CVC Advent Tree efforts

[setting it up]

What is one of the ways that people celebrate your birthday in a meaningful way?

We know that Christmas is the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Based on what you know of Jesus, how do you think He would answer that same question?

[digging deeper]

We launched a series this week called “Advent Conspiracy.” The theme this week is to Worship Fully. If you were to assess how fully you engage in worshipping Jesus at Christmas on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), what would be your number?

What helps you worship Christ more fully at Christmas?
What distracts you from worshipping Christ more fully at Christmas?

Read Matthew 2:1-12.

What are three or four observations that you made regarding how the Magi worshipped Christ after His birth?

How is verse 11 especially significant?

Both the Magi and King Herod said they wanted to “worship” Jesus. How do their intentions to “worship” Jesus clearly differ? How does that relate to what we see and hear from people at Christmas?

When it comes to worshipping fully, how do these verses help us understand and apply more?

John 4:24

Luke 10:27

Psalm 103:1-5

Isaiah 29:13

What is the difference in approaching the worship of Christ with the attitude of “I want to give God what He wants in worship” versus “I want to give God what I want in worship”?

(over)

Brainstorm with your LifeGroup. Fill in the blank with as many ideas as you can:
“_____ can help me worship Christ more fully at Christmas.”

[living it out]

If you were to make a change in order to increase how you worship Christ at Christmas this year, what change would that be? Feel free to take an idea from your brainstorm list!

In order to greater “aim” yourself for application, map out your plan with these questions:

- When will I start?
- What do I need to do to prepare? (notice the Magi came prepared to worship)
- Who do I need to get “buy in” from for this to happen best?
- Who can I ask to keep me accountable in case I get distracted or discouraged?
- How will I know if this was effective in helping me worship Christ more fully?

Take what you learned, felt, thought, and intend to do and commit it to prayer.

*Other helpful resources for Advent Conspiracy

- Daily verses
- Memory verse for each week
- Weekly family devo verse/questions
- Advent calendar