



**Advent Conspiracy: Worship Fully**  
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1. Most of us have very specific memories about the Christmas season, both positive and negative. What are some of those positive memories? How would you describe the best Christmas you ever had as a child? What made it special for you?
2. Do you still look forward to the Christmas season? If so, what do you enjoy about the season? If you no longer look forward to Christmas, why is that?
3. What would best describe what you want to experience this year during the Christmas season? What are some obstacles that get in the way?
4. As we enter in the story of the shepherds, we are told that they are a socially despised group (poor, criminal, and outcast). Can you think of any group that parallels to this group today?
5. The shepherds are the first ones to whom the angels announced the birth of Christ. What does that tell you about the heart of God toward social outcast? How does this relate to the message of Christmas?
6. In what ways does the worship of the shepherds differ from our celebration of Christmas? What are some specific ways in which our contemporary celebration of Christmas moves us away from the worship the shepherds experienced? What can we do to recapture that sense of wonder and gratitude?
7. The announcement that God has given us about his Son changes everything. Who still needs to hear the good news? Think of some specific people and ways that your family, group or church family can bring this announcement to world. What might that look like this Christmas?
8. God entered into the world that night in the small town of Bethlehem and the story of humanity changed forever. Through Jesus God walked among us. This is the story that we tell every year. What if the choices that we make this year about our spending and the way we give gifts were apart of our worship? The Advent season is our chance to celebrate the wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It is a season of worship.