ADVENT CONSPIRACY Love All | December 5, 2021 SOUTHAVEN CAMPUS

KEY SCRIPTURE 1 John 4 :7-12

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TALK IT OVER

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• What is the most thoughtful gift you ever received for Christmas?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

• How can receiving a really thoughtful gift make you excited to share that same experience with others?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read 1 John 4:7-12. Why does John consider it such a big priority that Christians love the way God does?
- God's love was costly, sending Jesus into the world to be our atoning sacrifice. In what ways can the love we see in the Bible differ from the love we see in the world? How can we better model biblical rather than worldly love?
- Read Matthew 5:43-48. What are some similarities between this passage from the Sermon on the Mount and the one in 1 John 4? How does John's statement that "God is love," take on greater depth in light of this passage? Why does Jesus say it is not enough to be selective in those who we love?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13. Paul says that faith, hope, and love remain (they are eternal), "but the greatest of these is love." What makes the greatest of these virtues?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

Ask God to help us meet all of our goals in Advent Conspiracy this year:

- Feed the Need **\$30,000**
- Pastor Sponsorship in Zambia **\$5,000**
- Pastor Training in Zambia **\$5,000**
- Beds for Desoto County **\$5,000**
- But God Ministries **\$10,000**
- MissionLab (New Orleans) **\$10,000**

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

• Write down some ways that you can do something unexpected to show the love of Christ to someone this Christmas season.



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