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BEING PART OF CHRISTMAS....

My fellow pastors and Christian leaders, as you know, Advent is a time of hopeful waiting for the birth of Jesus, which is celebrated on Christmas Day! During Advent’s 25-day period, we reflect on the hope, peace, and joy that Jesus brings. I pray that within the busyness of the season, you are able to feel joy.

Different things help raise my Advent-excitement. Christmas lights, music, and extra treats help. A book I am

communicate with Him and how I experience Him. The book encourages me to be an active partner with God in the growth of His Kingdom. To be actively part of something so important—the growth of God’s Kingdom, gives me excitement and energy during Advent. **Pastors, you are leaders in something that changes the world for good. Thank-you!**

What is celebrated at Christmas—that God came to



reading—*Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God*, by Dallas Willard, has also been helpful. The book encourages the growth of my relationship with God through how I

be with us as Emmanuel, as a relatable person, as Jesus Christ, is the focal point for the growth of God’s kingdom. Jesus then went on to teach us, do miracles, and give himself up as a sacrifice so we could have new life. As people receive →→

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Jesus, the Kingdom of God grows.

The book I mentioned above describes that in Jesus' Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30, the master (God) is usually understood as being harsh. However, he was interested in sharing His life and His goods with others, which is why He was so disappointed when the one guy only brought back what he had originally received. God has made each person in His image. Though sin tarnishes that image, God has never stopped saving (redeeming) people and growing His Kingdom—His family. Then, as family members, He calls each of His children to be His partners in growing that Kingdom. **Pastors, that is very good news that you share with people, and it changes the world. Thank-you!**

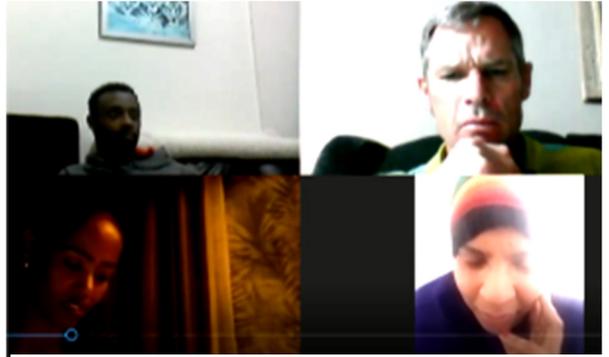
The book I mentioned highlights 1 Corinthians 2:6-16,

describing that believers have received “the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us....” That passage closes with this big statement: “...we have the mind of Christ.” The Apostle Paul also writes in Galatians 2:20, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

Wow, that's powerful!

Advent is a time of expectant, hopeful anticipation for God to be with us as our Savior, and then as our Lord who welcomes us to find the “harassed and helpless, (who are) like sheep without a shepherd” with Him. That being part of Christmas—knowing Emmanuel, and making Him known according to how He calls you, makes Advent even more fulfilling and

joyful. **Pastors, you creatively try to guide your people in joining you in the harvest.**



Timothy Leadership Training on Zoom is not as nice as in-person, but it works, and it allows Ethiopian students—Ensemu & Martha—in Cyprus, Ruth in Sioux Falls, and me, to have class together. And friendships develop, too, after meeting 20+ times.

That is not easy. Thank-you!

Let me know how I can help. Let me know if you would like to visit and pray together—I would be honored to buy you a coffee and donut.

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