



# Love God Love People Live Like We Mean It

## Bad Santa

### Group Share

1. What is one way you won last week?

### Group Question:

What's the worst Christmas gift you ever received and what did you do about it?

Often as we go through life we are “gifted” with painful words or experiences from people around us. Have you ever been “gifted” something harmful by a negative or abusive person in your life?

### Think about the incredible gift God gave us in John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

In light of the valuable gift God gave us, do you think He wants you to receive and keep the hurtful gifts others have handed you?

### 5 Biblical Tips for Handling and Returning Bad Gifts This Christmas

1. Don't Open Bad Gifts - James 4:7
2. Timing is Everything - Ephesians 4:26
2. Hang Onto Your Receipt - 2 Corinthians 1:20
3. Don't Let the Devil Rob You of Jesus' Gift - John 10:10
4. Make the Exchange with God- Hebrews 4:15-16

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**Pause for 5 Minutes of Journaling**

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**Break into small groups to read and discuss the following questions.**

### Questions to Consider:

- What emotional or mental “gift” has someone given you, that you need to exchange with God?
- Do you have any gifts in your bag that you probably shouldn't pass out this Christmas?
- What positive gifts have you received in the past and who gave them to you?
- What positive gift can you give to people this year?

**Gather Back as One Group and Share What You Got From Today's Discussions - End In Prayer**