PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

Here is an Advent prayer for "making room" that you can pray this week.

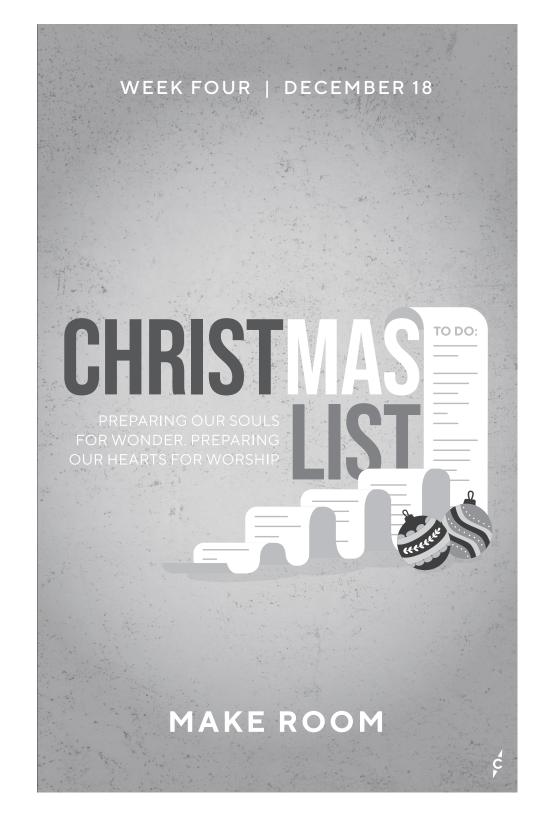
"Heavenly Father, I recognize that in the busyness and noise of this world I often miss hearing and recognizing the knocking of Jesus at the door of my life. Lord, please show me how I can make room for heavenly disruptions in my life. Holy Spirit, please make me keenly aware of the moments in my day when Jesus is asking me to make room for him. This Christmas I open the door of my life and welcome you in fully Lord."

In Jesus name, Amen.

NOTES & QUOTES

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

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CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. As you consider your life this Christmas, how would you rate the amount of margin or space in your schedule?
- 2. What are the greatest challenges we face when it comes to making room in our lives?
- 3. What are some things you want to experience this Christmas, and how could you create space to make them happen?

THRIVE & COMMIT

(EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH & BE ON MISSION)

Again and again, we see God breaking in on people's lives as they go about their daily business. In many instances, God comes without a lot of fanfare, but if we're willing to pay attention, there is no mistaking that God is at the door. In the passages you will visit this week consider how you will make room for Jesus in your daily life.

LUKE 2:1-7

Jesus was born while Mary and Joseph were on their way to pay their taxes. What was challenging about this scenario? What might they have imagined or preferred?

LUKE 2:8-20

Shepherds and angels. How much forewarning did the shepherds have about coming to Jesus? How were their routines interrupted that night? What does this scene tell us regarding the theme of making room for Jesus?

LUKE 5:1-11

Jesus comes to Simon while Simon is going about his daily work. What did making room for Jesus look like for Simon?

MATTHEW 25:31-40

Finding Jesus among those in need. Does this passage make the concept of making room for Jesus more accessible or challenging for you?

REVELATION 3:20

Going forward, what might it look like to entertain Jesus in the everyday circumstances of your life?