

# Coming up @ **TWIN CITIES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVE OPS**  
SERVE OTHERS ON  
CHRISTMAS EVE!

**YEAR-END GIFT**  
CELEBRATING GOD'S  
FAITHFULNESS!

**READ THE BIBLE WITH US**  
JUMP IN!

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING**  
SUNDAY, December 21

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
WEDNESDAY, December 24

**FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE**  
SUNDAY, January 11



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**ERIC WAYMAN • 12/14/25**  
Who Got Their Claus in Christmas?

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## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT:

*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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. JOHN 3:16-17 NIV*

## MATTHEW 25:31-40

- If you want to bless Jesus, bless someone who cannot repay you.

Open to continue taking notes!



## How did we get from Saint Nicholas to Santa Claus?

### Romans 14 and Santa

#### A few questions to consider when it comes to your gift giving:

- Do our current gift-giving habits cultivate gratitude or fuel greed and entitlement?
- Is it motivated by a sense of Christlike generosity that seeks to bless those who cannot bless us in return, or by a sense of obligation and consumeristic comparison?
- Jesus said “whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me,” so do our current gift-giving habits bless Jesus?

**Holy Spirit, how would You like me to respond to what I've heard?**

#### NEXT WEEK:

The Heart of the Giver

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*For group discussion the week of December 14*

**This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join a Life Group and do this study together!**

1. What is one of your favorite gift-giving memories? Was there a time you gave someone a gift that really blessed them? What was their response?
2. This week's message was *Who Got Their Claus in Christmas?* What part of the message stood out to you or grabbed your attention? Now let's read Luke 2:8-20 to remind ourselves of the greatest gift this Christmas.
3. God gave us His Son, and the wise men brought extravagant gifts to baby Jesus. Let's read about this in John 3:16-17 and Matthew 2:11. What message does it convey that such sacrificial gifts were given on that first Christmas?
4. Read Luke 14:13-14 and Matthew 25:35-40. What do these verses show us about God's heart for generosity, especially toward those who can't give back? Why do you think this brings joy to God's heart?
5. When it comes to Christmas giving, what are the pressures, expectations, or emotions you personally wrestle with? How do you manage this?
6. Let's read 1 John 3:18. What is one specific way you could include Jesus-centered generosity this Christmas?
7. How can we pray for you this week — especially in how you experience gratitude, peace, and generosity this Christmas?