






	<p>Christmas at Central: The Opposition and Indifference of It All</p>
 BIG IDEA	<p>While Jesus brings joy to many , to some he’s simply a threat.</p>
 ICE BREAKER	<p>What is your favorite holiday and why ?</p>
 MAIN POINTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is Sovereign 2. Christ is Present 3. Eternity is Now
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend? 2. How have we, as a culture, “distorted” Christmas from its original meaning? 3. What are ways to refocus on the heart of the holiday? 4. No power or plan can subvert God’s purposes (Isaiah 55:8-9).How does this truth strengthen your faith during uncertain times? 5. Jesus’ presence changes everything. How can we remain mindful of Him during the holiday season?
 NEXT STEP	<p>Pastor Cal shared some statistics:82% of non-Christians said they would accept someone’s invitation to come to church, however only 2% of Christians will actually invite someone to church. Our mission at Central is to lead people to discover and fully own faith in Jesus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Think of at least 3 people you can invite to church this Christmas 2. Be a part of the 2% who ask!
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Mathew 2: 1-6 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:6 “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	<p>Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue our Christmas series: The First Christmas!</p>