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DISCUSSION GUIDE

the
Gift

WHAT WE NEED MOST

December 1 & 2, 2018

The Gift: Week 2

Returned Gifts

BIG IDEA:

Many people rejected the gift of Jesus.

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Share the worst gift you received as a child.
2. What are some things that make it hard to return certain gifts?

IN THE WORD

1. Reading [John 1:10-11](#), why do you think Jesus was not received by His people?
2. In [John 12:42-43](#) we see people intimidated by the religious leaders. In what way does that relate to us today?
3. Name some of the things that intimidate people today from following Jesus.
4. Setbacks, hurts, and the disappointment of unmet expectations happen to all of us in life. How can [1 Peter 1:6-7](#) help us deal with these struggles?

5. [Isaiah 53: 5-6](#) (NLT) does not really sound like the Savior people expected in Jesus' day, yet how can this Savior described in this passage help us in our life today?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. How can people's openness to Jesus at Christmas be used to help draw them closer to Jesus?
2. You heard it said in the sermon, "People are more open to Jesus because he is just a baby in the Christmas story." Is that true for you or those you know? In what way?
3. As you read how people rejected Jesus in the Bible, in what ways can you identify with them in not understanding who Jesus was?
4. How can we help those around us not reject Jesus at Christmas time?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Read all of [Isaiah 53](#) and count the number of times it refers to the real purpose for Jesus coming. Highlight the things that will help encourage you this Christmas season.

Pick up a Family Christmas Calendar at your campus this weekend to countdown the days to Christmas together! Share your adventures on social media using **#ChristmasAtPathway**.

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