

AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STEAL MY CHRISTMAS

Open your group with prayer and share how your week went.

Take some time to share what excites you most about this coming Christmas.

Lesson:

WEEK ONE - NOT DEBT

Christmas is a very exciting time of year. We spend time with family. We eat together. We decorate. We attend church together. We worship our Savior. We shop and we shop and we shop.

The excitement of Christmas is often times stolen because of the stress of Christmas. Christmas is one of those times each year where many people feel the need to purchase things they cannot afford and compound their level of debt. This Christmas the average shopper in the U.S. will rack up \$1054 of debt. By the time most people pay that debt off, the interest will be nearly half the total amount. That can cause stress!

Maybe there is a better approach to spending this Christmas. Let's take a minute and discuss this topic further.

What are some of the reasons why Christmas compounds the debt problem for people?

Has debt ever been a joy stealer for your Christmas season?

Read Matthew 2:9-11. What were the responses of the Wise Men to the birth of Jesus?

How do we keep worship front and center in our Christmas celebrations?

How have we made Christmas giving more about us and less about Christ?

Read Proverbs 22:7. What is the problem with having too much debt?

What are some ways people can re-write Christmas around and break the bondage of debt?

Opportunity: *Who can you invite to our Christmas Eve services? We have five scheduled services at our Sharpsburg Campus: 2:00PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM, 6:30PM, and 8:00PM. Please consider attending one service and serving at another.*

Pray about giving a Christmas offering to our "Impact Coweta" project.

Pray for one another.