



BIG IDEA

“As the people of God, we’ve been called to something so much more. To something beautiful as a community. To something that brings encouragement into all of our lives as a congregation. We’ve been called to be a group that others will want to be a part of because they want to be released from their chains of discouragement and find the freedom that Christ offers all who follow him freedom to live a life of encouragement.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. Why has discouragement become the norm among humanity today?
Read: Acts 28:11-31
3. What are the people of God called to do in the midst of a negative society?
4. Why is there real power in encouraging others to find freedom in Jesus? What is our ultimate hope?
Read: Acts 28:14-15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
5. How was Paul encouraged by the ministry of others? What is the value in gathering with other believers? What is the lie of the enemy?
6. Why did Paul use the human body to describe the church? What is our spiritual life expectancy if we choose to be cut off of the body?
7. Share some areas of your life where you need encouragement. Take time to encourage the people in your group.
8. Drop a note of encouragement to someone you worship with or someone who has encouraged you through their ministry.

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. How have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this week?
3. If you need encouragement, reach out to a friend. If you are encouraged then take some time to encourage someone else.
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: This week take time to pray that our church would be a place of encouragement to all we encounter.

Read: Acts 28:11-31, Acts 28:14-15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewaypc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Acts 28:11-31, Acts 28:14-15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Love: Encourage those around you this week.