

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. How has your view of the gift of prophecy changed in light of what you have learned this week?
3. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
4. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** This week, pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the spiritual gift(s) God has given you. Also, pray for those who have received the gift of prophecy, that they would use their gift to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others in the faith.

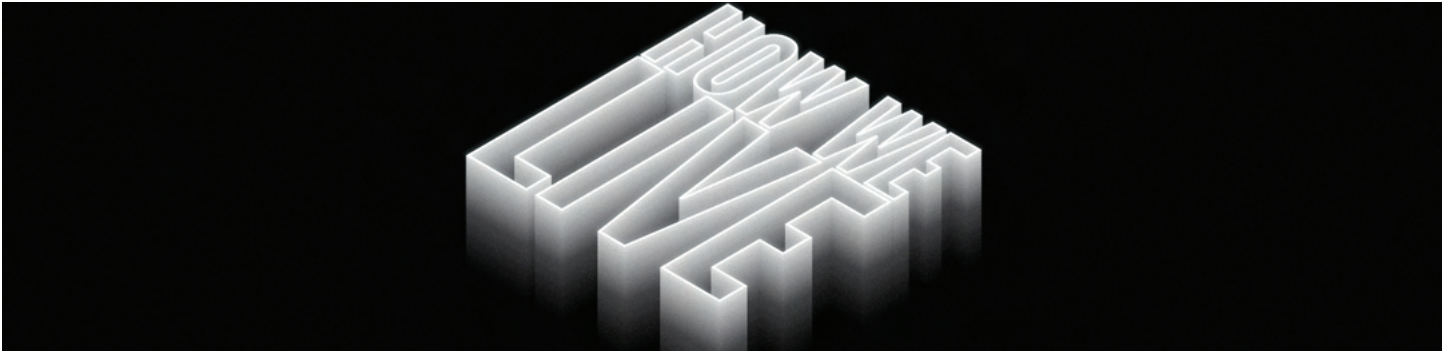
**Read:** Acts 21:1-36, Numbers 12:6-8, Deuteronomy 18:15-22, 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, Ephesians 4:11-16. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit [gatewayepc.org/news](http://gatewayepc.org/news) to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Write:** Take time to 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 as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. 1 Corinthians 14:1, Joel 2:28, Ephesians 4:11-12

**Love:** How can your group show the love of Christ in your group, church, and community this week?



## BIG IDEA

*“Some of us are supernaturally gifted with being able to speak the right words at the time when they’re needed most to encourage and comfort others, to strengthen those who are weak.. Let’s not view this as some natural talent, but let’s regard this for what it is.. a gift of the Holy Spirit, what is called in the New Testament, by Paul, as the gift of prophecy.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. How comfortable are you with the idea of modern Christians being granted the gift of prophecy? Why do you feel this way?
3. When we use phrases like, “The Lord’s leading me..”, “I have a spiritual conviction..”, or “God told me to..”, do we tend to use them loosely or conveniently, or do we pray about them and compare/contrast them to God’s Word beforehand?
4. What about when others communicate these phrases to us? Do we immediately accept them as true, or do we first look for an alignment or misalignment in Scripture?
5. Why is it important to really know God’s Word when dealing with a situation in which someone tells you, “God told me..”?

Read: Acts 21:4-9

6. When you travel for vacation or for a business trip, how important is it for you to seek out other Christians in the area to worship God with?
7. In what ways can we be intentional to seek out Christians in areas we are staying temporarily? How easy or difficult would this be for you?

Read: Numbers 12:6-8 and Deuteronomy 18:15-22

8. What are the two types of prophets described in these passages? How are they different from one another?
9. What form does the “Moses-like” prophet in the Old Testament take in the New Testament? How are they similar? How are they different?
10. Because New Testament non-apostolic words of prophecy are not divinely ordained or equivalent to Scripture, how should we define them instead?
11. What will you do this week to seek out and encourage those who possess the gift of prophecy in our church body?