



## BIG IDEA

Josh's prayers for Gateway: That we would be known as a faith family that shares the message of Jesus and it would echo forth from us and that our faith in him would spread and encourage others. Also, we would be a people filled with the fullness of God, empowered with the inner strength of his Spirit. And that Christ would make his home in our hearts as we trust in him. Allowing our spiritual roots to grow deep down into God's love, keeping us strong. Always desiring to understand how wide, long, high, and deep God's love is for us. Allowing God to help us to know, experience, and trust in the love of Christ. But in the end, God's glory would be what is most important to us.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 and Ephesians 3:14-21. What stood out to you in the reading?
2. How were you impacted by the message this week? What stuck with you?
3. What three things did we learn that Pastor Josh prays for us on a regular basis? Why should we join him in these prayers?
4. What is the message we should be echoing? How can our faith be an encouragement to others?
  - a. How has the Spirit empowered you and given you inner strength recently?
  - b. What does it mean to allow Christ to make his home in our hearts?
  - c. Why should God's glory be the most important outcome and end goal in our lives?

## NOTES

## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Take some time to reflect on the three final prayers we looked at this week. Now, which one do you struggle with and why? Is there one that you can say is a constant prayer you pray with confidence daily?

Are you helping us to be the church that is an answer to the prayers for our congregation or are you hindering others from seeing the fulfillment of these prayers being answered? How can your Life Group members hold each other accountable?

What applications did you take from the sermon that you are planning on implementing in your life?

## DEEPER

**Pray:** That our congregation would come together and echo the prayer of our pastor for our church. Commit to praying for each other throughout the upcoming week. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

**Write:** Write out the three prayers Pastor Josh shared in a journal and spend some time praying for our church this week. Visit <https://www.gatewayepc.org/thegate> to view the sermon manuscript which includes these prayers.

**Sing:** Visit <https://www.gatewayepc.org/the-gate/2022/1/25-songs-for-the-weekend-jan-30> and 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 Thessalonians 1:2-10. Ephesians 3:14-21)

**Love:** How can you echo the message of Christ's love this week? How can this message of love encourage someone you know?