



## **BIG IDEA**

That we would be known as a church for our love and faithfulness, united in the essentials of the faith and staying united even when we disagree on non-essential matters. We also would be known as a body that shows concern for others, those in and outside of our congregation.

## **THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON**

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21, 4:1-6; Philippians 2:1-11. 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. Why are the three things we are praying for impossible to accomplish on our own?
  - a. How different would things be if we were a church that was known for its love, faithfulness, unity, and concern for others?
  
  - b. Which attribute do you feel we as a church do well? Explain your answer.
  
  - c. Which of these do you see us lacking? Explain your answer.

## **NOTES**

## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Take some time to reflect on the breadth and length and height and width of Christ's love for us. How can your individual desire to imitate Christ when it comes to love, faithfulness, unity, and concern for others help the congregation as a whole?

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/2022/1/18-songs-for-the-weekend-jan-23> 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. (Ephesians 3:14-21, 4:1-6, Philippians 2:1-11)