



BIG IDEA

Pastor Josh shared his prayers for those of us who belong to Gateway Church. His prayers are that we are: a church that raises up the next generation of Christians, pastors, missionaries, and church leaders; a congregation of people who live under the authority of God's Word and are empowered by the Holy Spirit and who recognize our dependence upon God for all things and are committed to prayer; a congregation whose identity is in Christ alone.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17. What stood out to you in the reading?
2. What part of this week's sermon spoke to you the most?
3. Are we living in a land where our Christian faith is interwoven with the values and culture of our nation or are we living in exile - living in a foreign land spiritually speaking? Explain why you feel one way or the other.
4. Read Galatians 3:3, Psalm 127:1-21, and 1 Timothy 4:12-16. Think about the relationship between Paul and Timothy.
 - a. How can we personally model living under the authority of God's Word and being empowered by the Holy Spirit to the next generation?
 - b. How can we model our dependence on God for all things and our commitment to prayer?
 - c. Do our lives show the next generation that our identity is in Christ alone?
 - d. Which of these do you find the most challenging?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

How are you helping to raise up the next generation of Christians, pastors, missionaries, and church leaders here at Gateway? How could you do this together as a Life Group?

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: Share a specific way your Life Group can pray for you to help raise up the next generation at Gateway. 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 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/2021/1/11-songs-for-the-weekend-jan-16> 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. 2 Timothy 3:10-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Galatians 3:3; John 15:5; Isaiah 40:29; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 127:1-2; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Love: How can you be an example to the next generation in how you love others this upcoming week? Is how you love others a response to the love Christ has shown you?