



## BIG IDEA

*“In a world where everyone and everything is vying for our time and attention, we have to keep focused on Christ and keep him first in all things. In a world where there are opinions and teachings contrary to God’s truth, we have to make sure that there are no excuses and no compromises and we’re holding on to God’s truth.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. Why did Paul write to the Colossians? Why is that same message important for us to hear today?  
*Read: Colossians 1:15-23*
3. How has the “Good News” of Jesus changed your life?
4. Why does Paul declare Jesus as the greatest of all time? Why can we say that this is not up for debate?  
*Read: John 1:3, John 10:30, 38, John 12:45, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2*
5. Fill in the blank: Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. How have you seen Jesus hold things together in your life recently?  
*Read: Colossians 1:18-23*
7. What keeps you from allowing Jesus to be first in every aspect of your life? How different do you think your life would be if you intentionally put him first?
8. How can your Life Group hold you accountable as you intentionally seek to put Jesus first in your life?

## 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. List the areas of your life where you need to put Jesus first. Start this week by removing any distractions from allowing you to put him first.
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** This week, ask for God to help you remove the distractions that keep you from putting God first in your life.

**Read:** Colossians 1:15-23, John 1:3, John 10:30, 38, John 12:45, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2. 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:** 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. Colossians 1:15-23, John 1:3, John 10:30, 38, John 12:45, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2

**Love:** How can your group pray for you as you seek to put Jesus first in all you do?