

BIG IDEA

Gateway Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:1-7, Matthew 28:18-20

- 1. Consider the history of our church's mission statement. How do you feel about the change from "Gateway Church exists to connect people to Jesus Christ and to one another" to "Gateway Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ"?
- 2. Matt warned us against glorifying ourselves, but glorifying God in all things. What are some areas in your life that point to an elevation of self rather than to our Creator? Can we shift our mindset so that God is glorified in those areas?
- 3. How does the Great Commission inspire or challenge you personally? How can you live out the call to make disciples in your everyday life, both locally, nationally, and internationally? How can your Life Group help you?
- 4. Matt mentioned five characteristics of a disciple: Word and Spirit Christians, generous, family, disciples who make disciples, and Kingdom-minded. How do these characteristics align with your understanding of a disciple?
- 5. Which of these five characteristics resonates with you the most, and why? Which ones need more of your focus?
- 6. Share your overall thoughts on the sermon. Did it challenge you or encourage you? What practical steps can you take to align yourself with our church's new mission?

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PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- 1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
- 2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
- 3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
- 4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: Thank God that he has created us to glorify him and enjoy him forever.

Read: Use your Bible's concordance to locate the word "Glorify" and read each of the verses containing it.

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. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

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: Matthew 28:18-20

Love: Obey God's command in the Great Commission. Make disciples!

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