



BIG IDEA

"It's very easy and common for people to have misconceptions about the Bible. It's easy to misinterpret verses. It's easy to misunderstand texts if we don't know the background. Because it's so easily misunderstood, it's super important for us to know our Bibles well and study them properly. We must take our Bible very seriously and view God's Word as a precious gift. Because this living and active Word tells one big story, that is the story of Jesus. If you want to know Christ better, start by knowing His Word better."

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. Why must we read the scriptures that come before and after a popularly quoted verse?
3. Why should we resist quoting good sayings that sound biblical but are not?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:1-23. What did we learn Jeremiah meant in our verses this week? Who was he writing to? What does he mean by false prophets?
5. What do this week's scriptures tell us about God and his timing?
6. How are these verses being misused in some churches today? What are these churches promising their people? Why is this false hope? Why is this teaching harmful to the church as a whole?
7. What hope can we take away from the message this week?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. Why is having a contextual understanding of Scripture important?
2. How does reading and studying our Bible give us a better understanding of who Jesus is?
3. Be intentional about spending time in the Bible every day this week. Start by downloading the YouVersion Bible App and start reading today.
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
5. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

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Read: Jeremiah 29: 1-23; Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:1, 8:1 & 38; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 1:6. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

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.

Sing: Visit gatewayepc.org/news 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. (Jeremiah 29: 1-23; Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:1, 8:1 & 38; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 1:6)

Love: How can your group show the love of Christ to our community this summer?