



## BIG IDEA

*"It can be easy to quote verses out of context and misunderstand the Bible. That's why it's so important for us to study it. To meditate on it. To recognize its authority over our lives. And that it is extremely important to know our Bibles and read & study them properly. So the Bible is useful in various ways, and it completes us! Equips us to do what God calls us to do. The Bible provides us with perspective, hope, and guidance in dark times. Knowing God's Word better helps us to know God better. It helps us grow closer to Christ."*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. Why must we be careful to not miss-quote or take Scripture out of context?
3. What did we learn about how and why we should study the Bible?
4. Why is it important for the Bible to be the authority over our lives?
5. In what ways can reading and understanding the Bible bring us closer to Jesus?
6. Read Philippians 4:10-13. What did we learn Paul meant in our verses this week?
7. What does it mean to be content? How can we achieve contentment like Paul?

## NOTES

## PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How can you personally ensure you don't take Scripture out of context?
2. Why is it important that you read and study your Bible properly?
3. Take time to list all of the benefits of knowing your Bible. In what areas do you personally need to grow?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life today?
5. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

## DEEPER

**Pray:** Take time this week to pray for each Life Group member individually. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

**Read:** Philippians 1:1 & 21, 3:7-9, 4:10-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; Romans 8:34-37. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit <https://www.gatewayepc.org/news> to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Sing:** Visit <https://www.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. (Philippians 1:1 & 21, 3:7-9, 4:10-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; Romans 8:34-37)

**Love:** How can your group show the love of Christ to our community in the coming month?