



## BIG IDEA

*“If you want to worship God the way he wants to be worshiped, put down your idols, stop imagining what God is like or trying to make him conform to what you want him to be like. Worship him as Spirit, worship him only, and worship him in Spirit and in truth.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How are we supposed to worship God? Can we worship him any way we want?
2. How many gods did the Israelites worship in Egypt? How about the people living in the promised land of Canaan?

*Read: Exodus 20:4-6, Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 44:10-11, Acts 17:23*

3. Why do we make God into images of what we believe he is instead of who he is?
4. Why do we need a clear picture of who God is? List the attributes of God that we learned this week. Is this how you see God? Explain your answer.

*Read: Exodus 20:5, Genesis 48:12, Romans 1:22-23*

5. How do the relationships differ between that of a carved image and God?
6. What will be the result of worshipping a self-manufactured god? What are the benefits of worshipping the one true God? Why is our God a jealous God?

*Read: Exodus 20:5-6*

7. What did we learn about the true meaning of these verses? Why would a generation share in their father's punishment?
8. How do you respond to God when he does not do what you wanted him to do or in the time span you desired? How can we show God we trust and love him?

*Read: John 4:23-24, John 14:6*

9. How does Jesus describe the people the Father is seeking?
10. How is God's love for us, combined with his sacrifice and commitment, a picture of a love without an exit strategy?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Are you worshiping God the way he desires to be worshiped, or are you worshiping a god of your making?
3. Why is God often number three or four on our priority lists?
4. Why is God's capacity to love you worth worshiping him and him alone?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** That you would begin to worship God the way he wants to be worshiped.

**Read:** Exodus 20:4-6, Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 44:10-11, Acts 17:23, Genesis 48:12, Romans 1:22-23, John 4:23-24, John 14:6. 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:** 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:** 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. (Exodus 20:4-6, Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 44:10-11, Acts 17:23, Genesis 48:12, Romans 1:22-23, John 4:23-24, John 14:6.)

**Love:** Share this message of hope with someone you love.