



## BIG IDEA

*“So please know and receive that no matter how poor you’ve been at loving him. No matter how powerless you feel against lust. No matter how weak you’ve been in fighting temptation. No matter how lonely you feel when you’re being unfaithful to him. Christ loves you. And he will never stop loving you. For he will never stop loving those who have believed in him. For he is the faithful One, and he’s faithful to us even when we’re unfaithful to him. Why? Because being faithful is who he is, and he cannot deny who he is, and he is always faithful to his people.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week’s sermon?
2. What was your definition of adultery before this past weekend? How has your definition changed in light of what you learned?
3. What did we learn was the biblical definition of adultery?

*Read: Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-30*

4. Where else in Scripture do we see this commandment addressed? How does Jesus address the sin of adultery?
5. How can we keep this commandment but be guilty of breaking it simultaneously?
6. How can grading sin on a sliding scale be wrong? Why is this commandment for women just as much as men?

*Read: James 4:4*

7. What is spiritual adultery? Why is it a theme all through Scripture? Why are we all guilty of spiritual adultery?
8. How do you spend your time? How much of your time this past week was spent with God?

*Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, John 8:10-11*

9. What is the Good News of the gospel and hope for the Christian faith, no matter if you have committed physical adultery, lusted after others, or committed spiritual adultery?
10. How did Jesus respond to the woman brought to him in adultery? How does he respond to us in the same way?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is this commandment in God's top ten?
3. What steps are you going to take this week to obey this commandment?
4. What caused you to "pause" in this week's sermon? Why?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** That we would embrace the saving grace of Jesus and live in the freedom of knowing he loves us.

**Read:** Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-30, James 4:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, John 8:10-11. 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 20:14, Matthew 5:27-30, James 4:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, John 8:10-11.)

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