

## **BIG IDEA**

"If you desire to be set free, two things. Confess that Christ is Lord. And believe that God has raised him from the dead. And when you do, you'll discover that God's Word is more trustworthy and more absolutely reliable than you've ever realized because you've encountered the Word who became flesh, Jesus. And like Peter, you will jump head first into life because you've been set free to live for Christ alone."

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon?

Read: Exodus 20:16

- 2. Why is falsehood an enemy of truth and God? Why is there such power in witness?
- 3. What did you learn from questions 77 and 78 in the Westminster Shorter Catechism?
- 4. Why do we break this commandment? Why do we choose to lie instead of being truthful?

Read: 1 Kings 21:21-25, Mark 8:29b

- 5. What did we learn about Ahab's heart after Elijah predicted his fate? How do we know his heart was not truly transformed?
- 6. Why did Peter give false testimony? Why is lying a failure to trust God's Word?
- 7. How can we be set free from breaking this commandment and lying to others?
- 8. How does Peter respond to seeing Jesus had risen? Why don't we respond the same way? How do we know Peter's repentance is genuine?
- Read: Psalm 12:6, Revelation 3:16, Deuteronomy 31:8, Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 146:10, Mark 14:55-64
  9. How different would our lives be if we lived believing God is reigning and will reign forever? What did we learn the Christian faith is based on?

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## 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 be people who speak truth as we believe and follow the one who is truth.

**Read:** Exodus 20:16, 1 Kings 21:21-25, Mark 8:29b, Psalm 12:6, Revelation 3:16, Deuteronomy 31:8, Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 146:10, Mark 14:55-64. 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: 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 20:16, 1 Kings 21:21-25, Mark 8:29b, Psalm 12:6, Revelation 3:16, Deuteronomy 31:8, Matthew 7:24-27, Psalm 146:10, Mark 14:55-64.)

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

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