

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How are you doing in your intentional relationship with Jesus this week?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: We would be people that know that God is always there with his people, protecting, guiding, and leading them to where they will one day dwell with him forever.

Read: Ezekiel 10:18, 11:14-20, 48:35, Revelation 17:3-5, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 5:10, Ezekiel 34:11-12, 22-24, 36:25-27, James 2:10, 23, Galatians 3:6, Colossians 1:26-27, 1 Peter 1:10-12, 2 Corinthians 2:17, Romans 5:17-19, 9:6-8, Luke 22:42, Revelation 7:9-12, 19:1-6, Ezekiel 43:2-3, Revelation 1:15, 14:2, 19:6, John 1:14, Exodus 25:8, 2 Samuel 7:2, Matthew 12:6, John 2:19, Ephesians 2:20-21, Hebrews 9:9-10, 18, Revelation 21:22, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Revelation 21:1-7, Ezekiel 34:30, 37:23, 27. 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. (Check out the read section for options)

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



BIG IDEA

“God is always there with his people protecting, guiding, and leading them to the place where they will one day dwell with him forever.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week’s sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

Read: Ezekiel 10:18, 11:14-20, 48:35, Revelation 17:3-5, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 5:10

2. Why did God judge the people of Judah? What was his response to their sin?
3. When God left the temple, where did he go? In all of the Bible, what does Babylon represent?
4. Why is the influence of Babylon so at odds with God and his people? Why are we not exempt from suffering as Christ’s followers?

Read: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 22-24, 36:25-27, James 2:10, 23, Galatians 3:6, Colossians 1:26-27, 1 Peter 1:10-12, 2 Corinthians 2:17, Romans 5:17-19, 9:6-8, Luke 22:42, Revelation 7:9-12, 19:1-6

5. Who is the Good Shepherd Ezekiel speaks of that will come and lead his people? What does he do as the Good Shepherd?
6. What is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit that resides in you as a born-again believer?

Read: Ezekiel 43:2-3, Revelation 1:15, 14:2, 19:6, John 1:14, Exodus 25:8, 2 Samuel 7:2, Matthew 12:6, John 2:19, Ephesians 2:20-21, Hebrews 9:9-10, 18, Revelation 21:22, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Revelation 21:1-7, Ezekiel 34:30, 37:23, 27.

7. What did we learn about the temple? Why does God not need a temple to dwell in?

8. How did Jesus’s arrival change everything?

9. Why can we confidently put our hope in eternity? Do you have an eternal perspective?

10. What does the Bible teach us about the new heaven and the new earth?