

## **BIG IDEA**

Jesus is the Word of God. He is the Word of the Lord. Thus, to lose God's Word, Scripture, is to be journeying in a dangerous wilderness, a land of spiritual famine, without Christ as your guide. And Jesus will not be mocked by our worship as a church if we are a people who have lost his Word.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

Read: 2 Chronicles 34:1-21; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; John 1:1-5, 14-18

- 1. Josiah was an exemplary King who loved the Lord. What areas of faithfulness did Josiah possess that we desire to see in the leaders of our country?
- 2. Josiah purged Judah and Jerusalem of idolatry that had gotten out of hand. What are some idols that you are currently clinging to that need to be removed from your life? How will you begin to do so? How can your Life Group encourage and support you in this?
- 3. What was the significance of the Book of the Law being lost in the temple? Explain how this theme transcends the text and manifests in our modern context.
- 4. How important is God's Word to you in this season of your life? Share with the group what you are currently reading in Scripture and what God is showing you through his Word.
- 5. In 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Paul writes, "For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths." How does this truth apply to what is happening in the twenty-first century church?
- 6. John 1:1-5 and John 1:14-18 present Jesus as being the Word of God? What exactly does this mean? What does this reveal about our relationship with him?
- 7. What stood out to you the most in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?
- 8. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

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## 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 will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

## **DEEPER**

**Pray:** Thank Jesus for being the Word of God that we can find our hope and joy in. Ask the Spirit to stir in your heart a love and affection for God's Word.

Read: Consider reading 2 Chronicles to see how this story fits into God's entire redemptive plan.

**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. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

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, memorize a verse from the sermon passage that stuck out to you this week.

Love: Share Jesus, the Word of God, to someone who needs to hear about him.

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