

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

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Focus The Vision of Gateway Church: **To see people saved, healed, set free, disciplined, equipped, empowered and serving.**

Open What is one personal goal you set for 2012?

Read The vision for people in the church is like a process or an assembly line. We progress from being saved to healed and set free, then to being disciplined, equipped, etc. Jesus showed us in John 13:3–5 how He empowered His disciples and how we can live an empowering life.

Jesus taught us that power only comes from God. This enables us to live free from insecurity because we can know that not only is He the One who gave it to us, but He's the only One who can take it away. We discover when we don't try to hold on to anything (e.g., power, leadership, finances) and give it away, that He gives us even more.

Jesus knew that He came from God. We're also empowered when we walk in the humility of knowing where we came from. We know we've sinned and made mistakes, but we now live by grace and know God has redeemed us.

Just like Jesus (John 8:14), we can know where we're going and be empowered for God's purpose in our lives in order to serve. God desires for all of us to be His servants, and He gives us everything we need to fulfill our purpose.

Gateway 2012 Initiatives

- Expansion of *The Blessed Life* TV Show
- The Kings University at Gateway opens September 19
- Gateway Southlake Boulevard campus will be kept for the university, weddings, youth, classes

- Gateway App for smart phones/devices launched
- Gateway Scottsdale to launch September 9
- New Frisco Campus Pastor is Randy Cochran
- New Extension Campus: Gateway North Fort Worth at Beach and Basswood

Talk

1. Which Gateway Initiative caught your attention the most? What are the benefits of that initiative?
2. Who do you know that's an empowering leader? What have you noticed about the way they lead?
3. Read John 13:3–5. Jesus modeled leading by serving. How is this different from what our culture teaches us? What are some practical ways God has taught you to serve others?
4. Which of the following is your greatest challenge in living an empowered life?
 - a. Giving power away to others.
 - b. Walking in humble confidence that God has redeemed you.
 - c. Knowing where you're going.
5. Read 2 Peter 1:3. "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." How can this verse help you with your answer to Question 4?

Live

What is one step you can take this week to empower someone else by serving them?

Pray

Spend a few minutes thinking about how God has brought you to where you are today. Thank Him for His faithfulness and goodness. Also, pray for Gateway Church and the Vision God has for us as a church body and as individuals.