



Worship Guide for **June 9, 2019**

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In today’s passage, Luke gives us the first sermon of Paul recorded in the book of Acts. It has as its central theme the same message as Isaiah and Jesus, forgiveness and freedom: *“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.”* (Acts 13:38–39)

No matter how familiar with the Bible you are or how religious you think you may be (like the Jews Paul was speaking to), apart from faith in Jesus you are still in bondage to your sin and guilt. If you are a follower of Christ, do you see everything through the lens of God’s activity in human history? Can you explain to others the good news of Jesus using the Bible? The good news of Jesus is the point of history, the answer to your greatest need, and the message of your mission.

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In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

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Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day and meditate on that portion this week.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

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Write a prayer of response, specifically guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Continue to meditate on a memorize the selection you chose from yesterday.

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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

When you read the Bible, how connected do you feel to what you read? Do you typically view your own life in relation to the Grand Story of the Scriptures?

When we connect our own lives with God's big story, how will that affect the way we proclaim the gospel? How does it affect the way Paul proclaims the gospel in this week's passage?

What all does this week's passage remind you of in recalling the activity of God throughout your own life up until now? How does the practice of recalling and remembering affect the way we view the unknown future?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you gained while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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