



Worship Guide for July 21, 2019

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Because we have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of His beloved Son (Colossians 1:13), everything is different. Everything is not perfect, not yet anyway, but it is different. Our sermon text reveals what it looks like to live in the grip of God's grace while in fellowship with one another and on mission in our world.

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I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

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A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

**Know**

### 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

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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.

**Be**

### Wednesday

*Think about this week's questions for group discussion:*

How does the element of grace change the way we deal with real disagreements in the Body of Christ?

How does a firm confidence in the sovereignty of God change the way we deal with those disagreements?

How does our identity as Kingdom people change our objectives for the outcome of disagreements? How does this affect the way we deal with them?

**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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