

Worship Guide for July 21, 2019

Sermon Notes

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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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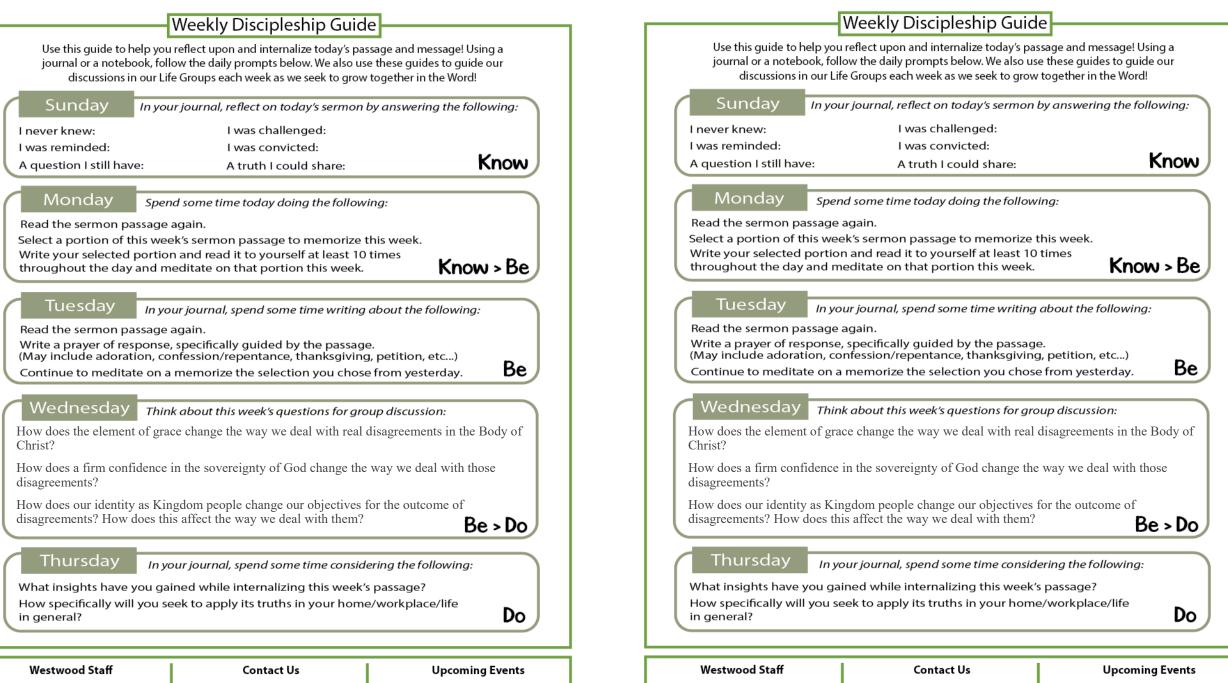
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