



Worship Guide for **August 4, 2019**

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In today's passage, we see God guiding his mission team to the city of Philippi. Paul and his team stayed in this city for an unknown period of time, but while they were there God used them to plant a church. While several people were probably converted during this time (see v. 40), Luke only records three conversions in Acts 16. These are recorded to show us "how God breaks down dividing barriers and can unite in Christ people of very different kinds" (John Stott). These encounters should encourage us as we behold God at work transforming people by his power and grace. They should also instruct us as we consider how three very different people, in three very different conversions, were reached by the one and only Savior. Today we see how Jesus opens hearts to his Word; how he rescues those in bondage through his power; and how he transforms whole households through the gospel. This is how God grows his church.

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are opened to the spoken word. (Acts 16: 11-15)

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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:

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

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

Read the sermon passage again.

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:

Do you see yourself and the way God brought you to himself in salvation in any of the three characters we meet in Acts 16? If so, how?

Do you see 'your one' in any of these characters? How does this week's passage and message encourage you as you seek to make the gospel known to them?

How does this week's passage and message help us understand the day-to-day and situation-by-situation nature of evangelism? What does this mean for how we seek to be faithful proclaimers of the gospel?

Be > Do

Thursday

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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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