



Worship Guide for **August 11, 2019**

Sermon Notes

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Letting the Word Do Its Work

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In Acts 17, it is said of the Christians that *"they have turned the world upside down"* (17:6). Kent Hughes says, "In one sense, what they said was true, though in its natural state the world is already upside-down. The world was turned wrong-side-up at the Fall and has been going in reverse ever since. So, when men and women in Thessalonica were turned around by Christ, everyone else saw them as upside-down. A believer lives right-side-up in a topsy-turvy world." (Acts: The Church Afire)

The way the early church went about upending the world was through the proclamation and living out of the gospel. They proclaimed Christ as King and lived accordingly. The preaching and teaching of the Christ-centered Scriptures impacted the world in a big way because if Jesus is Lord—and he is—then everything changes. When we hear, consider, obey and share God's Word, that Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, does its work. The world is turned upside down - or more accurately - right side up!

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Use this guide to help you reflect upon and internalize today's passage and message! Using a journal or a notebook, follow the daily prompts below. We also use these guides to guide our discussions in our Life Groups each week as we seek to grow together in the Word!

Sunday

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.

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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.

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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

In regard to your "one," have you considered how you might give the gift of the Word to them and allow space for the Word to do its work in their hearts? If not, how might you consider doing that? Can you say you have confidence in the Word in that way?

In his sermon Gerald asked, "Have you gotten lazy and sloppy" in your time in the Word? As the summer comes to a close, is it time for you to make a renewed commitment to abiding in the Scriptures?

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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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