



Worship Guide for **September 8, 2019**

Sermon Notes

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The book of Hebrews tells us *"the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart"*. (Heb 4:12) In Acts 19 we see this illustrated in dramatic fashion. When God's people seek the Lord through his Word and faithfully share that Word with others, lives are transformed, spiritual strongholds come down, and whole cities are changed. In the city of Ephesus, as God's Word was proclaimed and the gospel was shared, the hearts of idolaters were changed, the Name of Jesus was magnified, and God's people got serious about dealing with the idols in their own lives.

This passage shows us how the kingdom of Christ advances here in our community and culture. It's not by political change or physical force. The Word is proclaimed, people get converted, and sin is confessed and renounced. By the power of the Spirit what happened in Ephesus can happen here. This is what happens when God's Word prevails.

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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:

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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:

How does this week's passage/message help us understand what gospel confidence looks like for a believer living in exile? How does that confidence shape how we live in and react to the culture around us? How is your gospel confidence in light of what you've learned?

Two vitally important aspects of walking with the Lord as an exile are abiding in the Word and consistent confession. How are you implementing these two aspects in your own life? Is it time for a renewed commitment in these areas?

In light of Sunday's message, can you identify anything in your own life that prevents you from treasuring Christ supremely? Can you say that Jesus is getting the best of your focus, attention, and affections? What stands in the way of that?

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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