



Worship Guide for **February 23, 2020**

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## Sermon Notes

**“Open The Eyes Of Our Hearts, Lord!”**  
Ephesians 1: 16-20 (pew Bible pg. 976)

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.... Ephesians 1:16-20*

All of us need to be taught how to pray. The request of Jesus’ disciples, “Lord, teach us to pray”, should also be our request. Today the Apostle Paul is our teacher on prayer, and in Ephesians 1 we have an excellent lesson in how to pray. “Because God is sovereign, Paul offers intercession that God’s sovereign, holy purposes in salvation of his people may be accomplished. In particular, his prayer to God is that we might know him better and might have the insight to grasp certain crucial truths”. (DA Carson)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to see that you are the God whose character is the fount of every blessing - the source of everything we need. (Ps. 23:1, Ex 15:26, Ex 31:13, Jdg 6:24, 2 Cor 1:3, Rom 15:4-5)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to see that you are the God who reveals *and* enables us to grasp what you reveal. (Dan 2:28, Eph 1: 17-18a)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to see that the God of hope has called us to hope. (Rom 15:13, Eph 1: 18b)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to see that the God of Glory has made us his glorious possession. (Acts 7:2, Eph 1: 18c)

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to see that the God of immeasurably great power makes that power available to his saints. (Gen 35:11; Eph 1: 19-ff;)



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## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### 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:

**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.

**Know > Be**

### Tuesday

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

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Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

**Be**

### Wednesday

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

"Prayer should be more about pursuit than petition." Would you say this is true of the way you approach prayer? Primarily to know God or primarily to petition God? What is the danger of getting this backward?

How will sober-mindedness in each element from Sunday's sermon outline practically impact our lives day-to-day? Are you centered on these elements in your own prayer life?

How does this week's passage instruct us on how we should be praying for each other? Who can you pray for this next week using this passage?

**Be > Do**

### Thursday

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:*

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

**Do**

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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