



Worship Guide for **March 1, 2020**

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## Sermon Notes

### **Open the Eyes of Our Hearts, Lord, To Know Your Great Power** Ephesians 1: 20-23 (pew Bible pg. 976)

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Paul wants us to know the immeasurable greatness of God's power. He does not pray for that power to be given to us, because it is already given when we trusted in Christ and received the Holy Spirit! Paul is praying that we would know and experience the power we already possess in Christ. Paul is praying for us to see and understand what that power looks like. He declares that the power given to us is seen in "the working of his great might" demonstrated in three events: the resurrection of Christ, the ascension and enthronement of Christ, and the ongoing Lordship of Christ. Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, to know your great power!

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*Brothers and sisters in Christ, we will sometimes come to places where, as we try to think about God, we will conclude that these things are way beyond us, that we cannot take them in, that we cannot comprehend him. But if we focus on what God has revealed of himself, such meditation will become a ground not for complaint, not for self-interest, not for fatalism or an excuse for sin, but a ground for worship—and an incentive to approach this sovereign, loving God and intercede with him according to his own plan and purpose declared in Scripture, for his Son's glory and his people's good.* D.A Carson, Praying with Paul (p. 157)



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### Monday

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**Know > Be**

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

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

What is the difference between learning about something and experiencing it? Why is consistent prayer key to our experiencing the truths of the person and power of God?

How does Paul's view of the church differ from that of the average Christian? Does Paul's view challenge you in the view you typically hold? What needs to change in your view?

We must walk in accordance with a prayer for God to open the eyes of our hearts. What step(s) can you take this week to gain a greater view of the character and power of God, as well as the implications of that for you as a believer?

**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?

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