

# Sunday Recap Guide — “It Is Written”

## Encouragement

### Group Check-In

Create space for everyone to share what is happening in their lives.

#### Highs:

- What is something good God has done in your life this week?
- Where did you see God provide, encourage, or answer prayer?

#### Lows:

- What has been challenging or heavy this week?
- Is there anything you need support or prayer for?

### Encouragement Thought

Spiritual strength does not come from simply knowing about God — it comes from being deeply rooted in His Word and knowing Him personally.

The sons of Sceva knew the right words, but they did not know the authority behind them. Jesus showed us what it looks like to stand firm because He didn't just know Scripture — He lived in complete surrender to God's Word.

**Authority is not found in repeating truth. Authority is found in knowing the Truth.**

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## Scripture Study

### Main Scripture

Acts 19:11–20

### Background

Paul was ministering in Ephesus, and God was doing powerful things through him. When others tried to use Jesus' name without actually knowing Him, they discovered that spiritual authority cannot be copied or borrowed.

The sons of Sceva knew what Paul said about Jesus, but they did not know Jesus.

## Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the difference between knowing *about* Jesus and actually knowing Jesus?
  2. Why do you think the sons of Sceva wanted to use Jesus' name without relationship with Him?
  3. Have you ever found yourself going through spiritual motions without truly connecting with God?
  4. What does it look like to live with confidence in the authority Jesus gives believers?
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# Point 1 — Authority Comes From Knowing the Truth

## Key Thought:

The power of God's Word is not found in simply repeating verses. Transformation happens when Scripture becomes the authority that shapes your life.

## Supporting Scripture

### Matthew 4:1–11

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, His response was:

“It is written...”

Jesus fought temptation with the truth of God's Word because He knew what God had said.

## Discussion Questions

- What can we learn from how Jesus responded to temptation?
- Why is knowing Scripture important during moments of pressure, temptation, or uncertainty?
- What voices compete with God's voice in your life?

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# Point 2 — You Cannot Follow the Voice of God While Ignoring the Word of God

## Key Scriptures

### James 4:7

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

### Joshua 1:8

“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night...”

## Key Thought:

Many Christians do not reject the Bible intellectually — they neglect it practically.

We cannot be spiritually strong while spiritually starving.

## Discussion Questions

- What role does Scripture currently play in your daily life?
- What makes it difficult to consistently spend time in God’s Word?
- What would change if Scripture became your first source of truth instead of your last?

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# Step 3 — Get It • Get Into It • Get After It

## 1. Get It

Understand God’s Word.

Ask:

- What does this passage teach me about God?
- What does this reveal about who I am?

## 2. Get Into It

Spend time reading, studying, and meditating on Scripture.

Ask:

- Am I just consuming information, or allowing God to transform me?

## 3. Get After It

Live it out.

Ask:

- What obedience is God asking me to take?

### Group Discussion

Which step do you feel strongest in?

Which step do you need to grow in?

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# Point 3 — Repentance Leads to Restoration

### Scripture

#### Acts 19:17–20

When people encountered the power of Jesus, they responded with repentance. They brought their old practices into the light and removed what was keeping them from God.

### Key Thought:

Repentance is not about shame — it is about restoration.

God does not expose things to destroy us; He brings things into the light so He can heal and restore us.

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think repentance is sometimes viewed negatively?
  - What does true repentance look like according to Scripture?
  - Is there anything God may be inviting you to surrender?
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# Prayer

## Prayer Prompts

### Knowing Jesus

- Pray that our relationship with Jesus would become deeper than religious habits.
- Pray that we would know Him, not just know information about Him.

### God's Word

- Pray for hunger and consistency in Scripture.
- Pray that God's Word would shape our thoughts, choices, and actions.

### Spiritual Strength

- Pray for strength to resist temptation.
- Pray that we would recognize and reject lies that compete with God's truth.

### Repentance & Restoration

- Pray for courage to surrender anything that pulls us away from God.
- Pray for healing, freedom, and restoration in areas where God is working.

### Group Prayer

Invite everyone to share:

- One area where they need God's truth to speak louder
  - One thing they want to surrender to God
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# Next Steps

## Personal Next Steps

## 1. Spend Time in God's Word Daily

Start small:

- Read one chapter of Scripture
- Write down one thing God reveals
- Pray it back to Him

## 2. Identify What Has Authority Over You

Reflect:

- What voices influence my decisions?
- What habits shape my thoughts?
- Is God's Word the loudest voice in my life?

## 3. Practice "It Is Written"

When facing temptation, fear, anxiety, or doubt:

- Find Scripture that speaks truth
  - Memorize it
  - Speak God's truth over that situation
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## Church & Community Next Steps

- Join or stay committed to a small group where you can grow spiritually.
- Find ways to serve and encourage others.
- Invite someone to experience the transforming power of Jesus.

## Closing Challenge

The goal is not simply knowing Scripture — it is becoming someone who is transformed by Scripture.

**The church can introduce you to Jesus. Scripture transforms you into His likeness.**