

## Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Beliefs That Matter for Sunday, January 4.

1. Why do more people accept Christ as their Saviour?

2. To what extent is a Christian responsible for the salvation of others?

3. Why are not more Christian active in personal work in soul winning?

4. What other duties are greater for any Christian than that of winning souls for Christ?

5. What are the tests of a Christian?

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Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Beliefs That Matter for Sunday, January 4.

1 Timothy 4:16; 1 John 5:1-5

for Sunday, January 4.

Character and conduct, duty and destiny depend upon what one believes. Without believing the Bible, man must live in the dark. Without believing in Christ, he has no dying Savior and no living Lord. Without believing that faith is the victory he is defeated. The beliefs that matter are essential to salvation, service, and success.

V. 30. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book." Just enough miracles are recorded to help our belief. The big thing is faith and not the miracles of Jesus.

V. 31. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." The one great purpose of God is that all men should live the abundant, victorious life; the plan is simple, namely, have having faith in Christ — a faith that gets all the intellect, emotions, and will; this calls for a seeking after truth that the mind may know, a love for God and all that is good, and a hundred percent surrendered will.

V. 14, 12, "Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; and from thence to Phillipi, which is the chief city in that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days." Paul was obeying the vision "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

V. 13. "And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." Paul's faith was such that he sought the place of worship every sabbath. His faith made him also a good witness of Christ and he spoke to a small crowd opening

the scriptures.

V. 14. "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened that she attended unto the things that were spoken by Paul." The man in the vision calling for Paul to come to Macedonia turned out to be a woman because she attended to the Christian teachings of Paul; her heart was receptive for she was a worshipper of God though not knowing Christ.

V. 15. "And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us saying, if ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us." It was faith of Lydia that brought salvation to her and her household and as others believed the church at Philippi was founded.

V. 16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." In this verse is taught how a believer should live; he must take heed to the point of watching himself as to discipline, development and devotion; teachings must be watched that they are accurate and biblical; perseverance must be exercised, since strength comes to the one who makes his faith work.

V. 17. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. The apostle John maintains the doctrine of regeneration, a new birth, which manifests itself in loving all men.

V. 18. "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God, and keep his commandments." Faith and love go together and they are expressed in absolute obedience to God.

V. 19. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous." God's commandments are not grievous the necessary spiritual strength is given the one who obeys God.

V. 20. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The belief that matters is the faith that presses on in the Christian way persistently.

to our fellowman in sympathy and service.

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