

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

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

1. Why do not 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 Christians 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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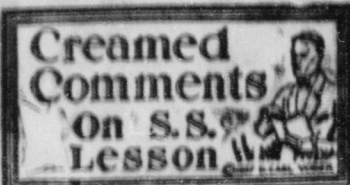
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Creamed Comments
On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Beliefs That Matter, John 20:30, 31; Acts 16: 11-15; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 John 5:15 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. With out 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.

Vs. 11, 12. "Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, 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.2. "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.3. "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.

Vs. 4, 5. "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.



This is an age of worry. Sources of information enables us to worry about world problems. Then there is the economic situation, the fear of insecurity, the talk about world war cause worry. Then each of us have our personal problems, a place to live, meeting obligations, the care of the home, protection of the children, sickness and sorrow. Here is a little philosophy in rhyme that has helped me.

"Always do your best. Then leave to God the rest."

Lesson Prayer

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for the Christian way of life, for it works; grant that we may have more of the power of love born within us that we will naturally love what God loves and hate what he hates — a love that will go out



Why should Christians adopt a sort of view of silence on all these deeper things that are of such importance in our lives? Dwight L. Moody was talking to a young man about his soul and the man said, "You mind your own business!" To which D. L. Moody replied, "But it is my business." The man said, "Then you must be D. L. Moody."

Book Review

Tarbell's Teachers' Guide. The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching consists of explanations on the lesson under the heading What the Text Means. The lesson is treated topically for the young people and adults and for the intermediates and seniors. Many helpful illustrations are given. Then there are questions for pupils to look up or think about for the next lesson.

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St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Msgr. Selmetz, pastor
6:00 a.m. Low Mass.
7:30 a.m. Low Mass.
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m. High Mass.
2:30 Sunday afternoon, Holy Hour.

Holy Communion Sundays
First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality.
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.
Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Church of the Nazarene
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.
Ralph A. Carter, pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Jesse Edgell, Supt. Classes for all ages.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Service, Message: "In Remembrance of Me."
Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Christine Andrews, president.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Sin."
Monday 7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting at parsonage.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
Friday 7:00 p.m. Lay Visitation. Meet at the parsonage.

Trinity Church
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth Street
Charles E. White, Minister
"Celebration of Organ Installation and Dedication Recital."
9:15 a.m. — Sunday Church school. Curtis Hill, Supt. Classes with separate rooms and capable teachers for all age groups. Urge your friends, guests and neighbors to attend. All are welcome. Let all co-operate in the Nelson Attendance plan.

10:30 a.m. — Divine Service and Sermon. Continued celebration of the installation of the new three manual Jackson — Wisehaupt Memorial organ. Sermon subject: "The Church Organ." This is an unusual sermon of interest to all ages. Anthem: "Glory To The Kings" by the Senior Vested choir. Organ music by Mr. Harold Muma, Church organist. All families are urged to have every member of the family present for these outstanding services in the history of the Church.

6:30 p.m. — Christian Endeavor Societies. Adult Endeavor will meet in Sunday school auditorium on first floor.

7:30 p.m. — Dedication Recital on the new organ by Dr. William H. Barnes, famous organist organ architect, author and editor. Seats will be reserved for organists and choir-masters who are cordially welcome to attend. Special seating will be provided for overflow attendance. The public is cordially invited to attend. See the program elsewhere in the Democrat.

7:00 p.m. — Wednesday Mid-week service.
8:00 p.m. — Wednesday choir rehearsal.

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Raymond Heiler, Supt. Our attendance crusade will continue and we invite you to participate in it. Let us begin the new year by attending the church school and remaining for the worship service.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Following a brief worship service the annual congregational meeting will be held. All members are urged to be present. Officers for 1948 will be elected.

Heidelberg Class will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the social room. Members are asked to come prepared to take down Christmas decorations.

The Girls' Guild will meet at the parsonage on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Union Service, in observance of the Week of Prayer, will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of Huntington, guest speaker.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning; seniors at 9, juniors at 10

a.m. Come and worship with us.

Zion Lutheran Church
West Monroe and Eleventh Street
Pastor-elect Edgar P. Schmidt
Sunday school and Bible class 9:00 a.m.

Divine services, 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Arno Krentz, a graduate student of Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, will be the guest speaker.

The Lutheran Hour, 11:30 a.m. Radio station WOWO, Dr. Walter A. Maier, speaker.
Choir rehearsal, Monday, January 5, at 8:00 p.m.
Married Couples Club meeting, Wednesday, January 7, at 8:00 p.m. Installation services for new pastor, the Rev. Edgar P. Schmidt, are to be held Sunday evening, January 18. A reception will be held in the church basement immediately after the services.

Board of Vestry meeting, Tuesday, January 6, at 8:00 p.m.
Missionary Society meeting, Wednesday afternoon, 2 p.m. This is a most important meeting and all members are urged to attend. The Missionary Society is sponsoring a shower of canned goods on the new pastor and his family. Contributions are to be brought to church on Sunday. Questions are referred to Mrs. Robert Frey or Mrs. Herman Dierkes.
Saturday Religion School classes are to be resumed at 8:45 a.m. on January 10.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhower, minister
Fred Scheiderer, supt.
January 4, 1948, the first Sunday in the New Year, you will want to go to church, and the Friendly Church invites you to worship here. A New Testament Church with a New Testament message. No book but the Bible no Creed but Christ. Sermon text Mark 1:1. "The Beginning." A one service program starts at 9:30 over by 11:00.

Next Sunday starting a revival with "The Brooks" Ev Party.

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Universal Week of Prayer
"Building Fund Sunday"

9:30 a.m. Divine Worship, Sermon, "The Way of Prayer."
10:30 a.m. Church School, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, superintendent.
6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
7:30 Evening Evangelistic Service. Sermon, "God's Especial Nearness Through Prayer."

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Girls Choir Practice.
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, mid-week prayer meeting.
8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sanctuary Choir Practice.

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1. On the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel. (Acts 10:34-35).
2. In repentance and restitution (Matt. 3:1-2).
3. In a Heaven and a Hell. (Luke 13:27-28).

4. In a full and complete salvation. (Matt. 1:21).
5. In immortality. (11 Cor. 5:6-10).
6. In the ultimate unity of Christian people. (John 17:21).

The Church of God is a growing church. "Where Salvation makes you a Member."

Nuttman Avenue U. S. in Christ
Gilbert A. Eddy, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel, supt.
Worship service 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor.

U. S. C. E. service 6:30 p.m. Gladys Raver, president.
Worship service 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30, Edith Terrell leader.
Administration board meeting following the prayer meeting.
Go to church Sunday.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Dr. Ray Stinger, Supt.
Morning Worship 10:10 a.m. Ser-

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Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Campbell will speak.
Evening Evangelistic Service with the Campbells at 7:30. Public Welcome.

Evangelistic Service each evening during the week at 7:30. Public welcome.

First Baptist Church
Carey R. Moser, minister

9:30 a.m. Sunday school. Ralph Kenworthy, supt. Begin this new year by bringing the whole family to the house of God. A class awaits you with a competent teacher and friendly scholars.
10:30 a.m. Divine worship. The monthly communion service will be observed. Besides special music, the pastor will bring a communion meditation. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us.

7:00 p.m. Our Happy Evening Service. Everyone may enjoy a part in this service. Our men's choir is a special feature. Come and bring some friends. You are always welcome at this House of God.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Our mid-week prayer hour and monthly business meeting. Every member is urged to attend this hour.

Decatur Missionary Church
Corner of Tenth & Dayton Sts.
H. J. Welty, minister

9:00-11:00—Unified service. Merwin Rupp, superintendent. The Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of this service.

7:00—Children's Gospel Hour. All children are urged to be present at this meeting which will have special interest for them. Parents are welcome to sit in and enjoy this service.

7:30—Evening Evangelistic service.
Wednesday 7:30—Bible study and prayer meeting. During these next few weeks we shall study the great doctrines of the Bible. We invite you to come and study with us.

Thursday 7 p.m.—Ladies Fellowship will meet at the home of Mrs. Lester Strohm at 1140 Master Drive.

We should like to encourage all to begin this new year right; attend church regularly. If you have no church home we cordially invite you to make our church your church.

First Presbyterian Church
John W. McPheeters, Jr., minister
Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Church school. Make a good beginning in your attendance record this year! Leo L. Nussbaum, general superintendent.

10:30 a.m. Divine worship. "Ye who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways are invited to come to Holy Communion." Solo by Mrs. Dan H. Tyndall, Toddler's room.

6:15 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship. Topic: "Youth Budget."
7:30 p.m. Dedication recital by Dr. William H. Barnes at the Trinity Church, 9th and Madison Streets.

The Rev. Dr. Chas. White, pastor of the church, personally extends his invitation for the members of congregation to attend.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Called meeting of the Christian Education committee.

Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Women's Missionary Society carry-in luncheon.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. National week of prayer service. All the Protestant churches unite in this service led by the Rev. David R.

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One Sunday morning Huxley was visiting with a friend who was a Christian. Huxley asked this friend many debatable questions to which no argument was offered. He looked at his watch and said it is time to go to church. When leaving he said I get something at church that affects my inner life. I can't explain

Hutchinson of Huntington.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. Church school faculty meeting.

The First Methodist Church
Merrill O. Lester, Minister
Lowell J. Smith, Supt.

Church School 9:30, L. J. Smith Supt.
Public Worship 10:20.
Sermon Subject "One Thing I know" by Minister.
Junior Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Senior Fellowship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.
Choir at 7:30.
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
A cordial welcome extended to all.

World Religious News

The Church of South India has been consummated recently, the denominations merging being the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Reformed bodies. Dr. F. M. Porter says, "this is the most significant church union which has ever taken place."

A new publishing company called the "Evangelisches Verlagswerk" has been organized in Stuttgart, Germany by four prominent churchmen. Purpose of the venture is to coordinate existing Protestant publications and to issue a new weekly newspaper, a weekly information service and special syndicated articles for the press. Other publications and books are to follow.

The Food and Agriculture Organization has released a revised cereals survey showing that European countries will need 25,400,000 tons of cereal imports, 9,000,000 tons more than during the 1946-47 crop years, to make ends meet.

The National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America will be held at Smithfield Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 18, 19, 20, 1948. Convention session begins Sunday afternoon, January 18. Fort Pitt Hotel will be the Convention hotel.

Some folks think they are famous only because they have achieved notoriety.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Why is it true that love is the fulfillment of the law?
2. What help does the Spirit give in prayer?
3. What is said of one who is slow to anger?
4. What use of God's word did the psalmist make to avoid sin?
5. What was pointed out to Joshua as the way to success?

**ANSWERS TO
"DO YOU KNOW?"**

1. Because one that loves another will not commit any of the injuries against him, that are forbidden by the law. (Romans 13:9, 10).
2. He makes intercession for us. (Rom. 8:26,