

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, What We Know about God, for Sunday, January 11.

1. Why is it so important to know God?
2. What are some of the ways of gaining a knowledge of God?
3. Why can one know so little about God?
4. What are the evidences of God as seen in Christian witnesses?
5. In what ways are followers of God doing greater works that Christ did when on earth?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson What We Know about God, Isaiah 40: 28-31; John 14: 8-14 for Sunday, January 11.

Since people are like the God they worship and every one worships either the true God or a substitute for God, to know the true God is very important. To worship a substitute for God means defeat and failure at last. Hence the importance of knowing the true God, this lesson hints at some of the ways we may know God.

V.28, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? The everlasting God the Lord the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding." In verses 28-31 of the lesson Isaiah points to the truth that God is revealed through his works. In all he created there is order and a purpose; then he is so powerful not only in creation but in his very life for he never wears; when we know all our minds can comprehend of him that will be little of what he is.

V.29, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." God reinforces man's effort when made in the right way. So one may know God by the experience of supernatural help.

V.30, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fail." At the time of age when one can best depend upon physical resources and strength, without God failures will be the result.

V.31, "But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." The promise of the experience of strength of the Lord is based on the waiting on the Lord. To wait on the Lord consists of a searching for the truths of God such as Bible reading, worship private and public, prayer, and Christian fellowship.

V.8, "Phillip saith unto him, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us,"

To know God is such a profound experience that even Phillip after three years with Christ yearned to know God more fully — a yearning common to all men. The knowledge of God is the most satisfying knowledge one may have. No one who ever knew God has been disappointed.

V.9, "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phillip? he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, show us the Father? God was incarnate in Jesus Christ; Christ is a picture of God, Christ the son of God the Father of the Son had the closest identity; it was a heavenly resemblance; we do not think of the resemblance in physical terms but in spiritual — the spirit, the motive, the purpose, the mercy, the love of Christ and more, were the spiritual characteristics.

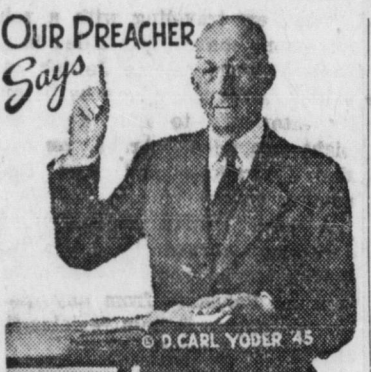
V.10, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto thee I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me he doeth the works." The mutual indwelling is such that every thing that Jesus says or does is the Father's say or doing.

V.11, "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe for the very works' sake." Concerning this mysterious matter essential unity with the Father, his word deserves to be accepted. His supernatural deeds prove that his claim concerning a supernatural existence is not an ideal fancy.

V.12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Not greater miracles, but greater spiritual results, as on the day of Pentecost, shall be seen. When Christ left the world he sent his Spirit making possible Spirit-filled men thus multiply God's agents among men.

Vs. 13, 14, "And whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. Mark the terms, 'In my name'?" that means according to the will of God and in the spirit of the Lord. When this condition is met then the Christian knowledge by experience regarding God will be known.

which and by which God continues to reveal himself.



Dr. E. Stanley Jones says that a Christian is guided through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, through the collective experience of the ages through the Church and society, through the counsel of good and intelligent persons, through opening opportunities and needs, through the heightened moral intelligence, through conscience and through the inner Voice.

Lesson Prayer

Lesson prayer: We thank thee, O God that we may know thee as our Father; having settled this relationship we are ready to go on growing in Christian knowledge from day to day. Grant that we may not fail in using every means in



Easy Way Out
Sunday School Chronicle, of London, tells this story: "A small boy told his mother that he was going to be a preacher when he grew up. She asked why. 'Well, I'll have to go to church anyhow,' he said, 'and it's lot harder to sit still and listen than to stand up and talk.'"

Book Review

Snowden - Douglass Sunday School Lessons for 1948 is a practical exposition of the International Sunday School Lessons; it consists of a lesson plan, sub-topics, special teachings in black type, illustrative material, discussion questions and hints to the teacher.

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Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, 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.

Trinity Church
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth Street.
Charles E. White, Minister
9:15 a.m.—Sunday church school, Curtis Hill, supt. "Remember the Nelson attendance campaign and seek to enlist others." Classes with separate rooms and capable teachers for all ages. Urge your friends, guests and neighbors to attend. All are welcome.

10:30 a.m.—Divine worship and sermon. Subject: "The Military Science of the Church." Anthem by the vested choir. Organ numbers and service accompaniment by the organist, Mr. Harold Mumma. Urge all members of the family and friends of every age to be present. When you teach your family how to worship God in the church service and set the example of worship before them, you give them the best possible gift upon earth.

6:30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor societies.
7:30 p.m.—Evening service. Sermon subject: "Responsibility for 1948." Bring your friends and neighbors to the evening service. An evening hour spent in the house of God will refresh your spirit and enable you to face a new week.
7:00 p.m.—Wednesday mid-week service.

8:00 p.m.—Wednesday choir rehearsal.
"Official Board meeting Sunday evening following services."
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The First Methodist Church
Merrill O. Lester, Minister
Lowell J. Smith, Supt.

Church School at 9:30.
Public Worship 10:30 a.m. sermon by the minister, "High cost of true values."
Junior and Senior Fellowship sessions 6:00 p.m.
Mid-week Service & Choir 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Church of the Nazarene
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.
Ralph A. Carter, pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Jesse Edgell, Supt.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Message: "Marks of New Birth."
Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Christine Andrews, president.
Juniors 6:45 p.m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Man In God's Court." Monday 7:30 p.m. Sunday School Cabinet Meeting.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Y. W. F. M. S.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhour, minister
Fred Schneider, supt.

To all the people in Decatur — A welcome to our revival services which begin Sunday morning at 9:30. Our evangelists are the well known Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Brock song writers of national note.
Services Sunday evening at 7:30 and every evening at the same time except Saturday.

First Presbyterian Church
John W. McPheeters, Jr., minister
First Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 a.m. Church School. Leo L. Nussbaum, General Supt.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon: "Our Endorsement." Bass solo by Mr. Paul Sauer. Toddler's Room.
6:15 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship. Leader: Gene Ziner.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Leadership Training School. Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Worship. Topic: "The Life and Letters of

Paul."

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Leadership Training School.

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

Divine services, 10:00 a.m. The Rev. August Buick, of Fort Wayne, officiating.
The Lutheran Hour, 11:30 a.m. Radio station WOWO. Dr. Walter Maier, speaker. This broadcast is repeated at 7:00 p.m. over station WKIG, Fort Wayne.

Choir rehearsal, Monday, Jan. 12, at 8:00 p.m. The choir will rehearse its special numbers for the installation services, and all members are urged to attend.
Waltham League meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Missionary society announces another collection of food and clothing for their adopted war orphan overseas. Contributions are to be brought to the church by next Wednesday, Jan. 14.

There will be a short organization meeting of all 1948 ushers held in the church immediately after services tomorrow.

According to tentative plans, a representative of Valparaiso University will be the guest speaker at the morning services next Sunday, Jan. 18.

Installation services for Pastor-Elect Edgar P. Schmidt will be held next Sunday evening, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. O. C. Busse will preach the festive sermon, the Rev. E. T. Schmidtke will be liturgist, and the Rev. Karl Hofmann will officiate during the rite of installation. A public reception is to be held in the church basement immediately after the services.

Nuttman Avenue U. B. Church
Gilbert A. Eddy, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Lawrence Michel, Supt.

Worship service 10:30 a.m.
Sermon by the pastor
Christian Endeavor, 9:30 p.m.
Gladys Raver, president.
Worship service 7:30 p.m.
Sermon by the pastor.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

Edith Terrel, leader.
NOTE — The revival at Nuttman Avenue will be postponed until a later date due to the illness of our Evangelist Rev. J. Clare Peters of Huntington, Ind.

Go to Church Sunday.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Raymond Heller, Supt.

There is a class for every age. Come and join in our attendance crusade.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sermon: "The Place of Prayer." Installation of newly elected elders and deacons. Visitors are always welcome. If you have no church home in the city, we invite you to worship in this church.

Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers and officers will meet in the church parlor at 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening.

Official Board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Guild meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the social room.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.

Leadership training school classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Come and worship with us.

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

9:00-11:00 Unified services of Sunday School and Worship services. Mervin Rupp, Supt. Message: "The Indwelling Christ."

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour. All children are welcome to this service. Chorus and a lesson especially adapted for children will be used at this time. Each child will also receive a small souvenir.

7:30 Evening Service. Message "The Biography of John the Baptist."

Wednesday 7:30 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

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Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Dr. Ray Stingley, Supt.

Morning Service 10:10 Revival service with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Campbell in charge.
Youth Fellowship supper Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Campbell will speak. Election of officers.
Revival Service at 7:00 with the Campbells.

Bethany Men's Club will meet at 6:30 on Monday.
Council of Administration Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
School of Leadership Education at Bethany Church, Tuesday at 7:30 opening night.

Christian Service Guild, Tuesday at 7:30 with Mrs. F. H. Willard.
Midweek Service, Wednesday 7:00.
Choir Rehearsal — Adult Wednesday at 8:00. Youth — Thursday at 6:30.

First Baptist Church
Carey R. Moser, minister
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Ralph Kenworthy, Supt.

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10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. We invite you to this hour of fellowship and instruction. Special music. Sermon by the pastor. Theme, The Determining Factor in Character.

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7:00 p.m. Our Happy Evening Hour. We invite you to join us in singing the old Gospel Hymns and to enjoy the other unique features of this service.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, our mid-week hour of prayer and praise. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, we are co-operating with the Union Leadership Training School being held at the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Church of God
Cleveland St.
Bernice A. McCurdy,
Dwight R. McCurdy, ministers
9:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon, "On Keeping Alive To Christ."

10:30 a.m. Church School, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, Supt.

6:45 p.m. Shining Lights
6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p.m. Evening Evangelistic Service, Sermon, "Sensation, Emotion, And the Religion of Jesus Christ."

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Girls Choir Practice.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Prayer Meeting; C. W. Strickler, Speaker.

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sanctuary Choir Practice Base Solo: Roy Kocher.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Ladies Missionary Society.

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