

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, What We Know about Jesus; His Nature, for Sunday February 8.

1. In what sense is Jesus the Bread of Life?

2. How may one see Jesus and yet not believe him?

3. What is the most important work Christ did when on earth?

4. What do you understand by "Eternal life"?

5. How is the Christian life strengthened?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, What we know about Jesus; His Nature, John 6:35-40; Colossians 1:9-20, for Sunday, February 8.

The source of our strength is Jesus our Savior who claimed to be the Bread of life. The secret of our service is Jesus our sovereign whom Paul declared to be the image of the invisible God. Therefore, our life from Christ should be wholly given in loyalty to him.

V.35. "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." As bread is the staff of life, so Christ is the source of our spiritual strength. Soul satisfaction is found only in right relation to God through Christ.

V.36. "But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not." There is a superficial knowledge of Christ that fails to have any moral or spiritual value; not having any serious convictions about Christ as the Saviour of the world makes impossible faith in him.

V.37. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in nowise cast out." All those who become Christians may be said to be given to Jesus as the reward for his suffering, for his death was the price by which they were redeemed. No man is compelled to go to heaven against his will, and no man is compelled to go to hell against his will. When coming to Christ by faith through repentance he is not cast out therefore he is received as God's child.

V.38. "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." As Jesus came to earth to do the father's will, he will be faithful to that trust. To Jesus God's will was first and to a fully surrendered soul, God's will is first also.

V.39. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I

should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. The following verse voices the same thought, namely, that the divine nature of Christ imparted to the souls of man works in them a spiritual life, higher, richer and everlasting which goes on and on after the body ceases to live. The only thing that counts in Christ and everlasting life.

V.9. "For this cause, we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." The Colossians had become somewhat superstitious, hence the prayer for them that they may have the knowledge of God and spiritual insight. A true Christian disciple is a good learner.

V.10. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." The ideal Christian is one whose life is worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him, and thus give Christ entire satisfaction. Christ longs to pronounce the "well done" on his children.

V.11. "Strengthened with all might." It is spiritual strength bestowed by God of which Paul speaks some of the fruits of which are patience and long suffering.

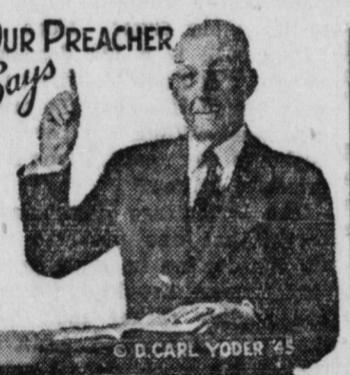
V.12. "Giving thanks to the Father." A child of God does not go astray if he keeps being thankful to God.

V.13. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Christ makes the difference between darkness and light; his work is that of translating souls so they shall speak the language of God's kingdom. The teaching of Christ are translated in the lives of his followers.

V.14. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin." Only through Christ are our sins forgiven; he can do it because he is God's son.

V.20. "And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." To be reconciled in the sense of being actually at peace with him depends upon our personal acceptance of him and his atoning work.

OUR PREACHER Says



D. CARL YODER '45

PRAYING?

One of the barriers to praying is impatience and lack of answer. Men should pray, Jesus says, with the obduracy of a man knocking on his neighbor's door at midnight, or with the importunity of a widow before an unjust judge. Endurance in prayer intensifies desire and by self-scrutiny it purifies desire. Since prayer is a friendship with God, it must be cultivated, for prayer is not an occasional greeting to God. Insincerity in daily life is another handicap in prayer life. Too many pray one way and live another way; hence real prayer calls for a discipline of life that demands a price that is often not willingly paid, so that as a consequence the prayer habit is given up. It is the sin within that must be confessed and cleansed with a continual watching that the fountain of life be kept pure. Otherwise prayer has little meaning. The sense of unreality in prayer and the dominance of moods is another barrier to prayer. To some, prayer is like an echoing void; doubt makes praying futile; it takes the venture of faith to engage in prayer. A distrustful mood dispels faith in God. If the present hour is not so joyous as some in the past, seize moments when God has been experienced and let them have the right of way till victorious faith arises and claims its rightful place.

Choir Rehearsal Monday at 8 p.m.

The Zion Lutheran Missionary Society meets Wednesday afternoon, opening at 2:00 p.m. with a dessert. Mrs. Sadie Fulk Roehrs of Ft. Wayne, national president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, will be present to address the ladies on League activities. It is suggested that society members who will bring items for European shipment to Wednesday's meeting limit their items to those articles most needed in Europe today, as flour, sugar, and fats. It is further suggested that ladies may pool resources to purchase small sacks of flour, and sugar, and cans of shortening. Cartons for shipping are also needed.

The Wauhler League will not meet on Wednesday evening, but

Sunday Service

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 Edgett, Supt.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Message by pastor.

Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Chris-tians Andrews, president.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ." We invite all those without a church home to worship in this service.

Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Mid-week Lenten service on

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Sermon:

What Must I Do to be Saved? The service will last one hour.

Union service observing the

World Day of Prayer will be held in

the Trinity Evangelical United

Brethren Church on Friday evening

at 7:30 p.m. Dr. A. J. Esperson of the Memorial Baptist Church of Ft. Wayne will be the guest speaker.

Wednesday 8:15 p.m. Choir practice.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Young

People's Missionary Society.

Bethany Church

Evangelical United Brethren

F. H. Willard, minister

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

Morning worship 10:10 a.m. Sermon:

"We Press On, That They May Know." Dedication of Youth Choir Vestments.

Youth Fellowship 6:15 p.m.

Bethany Men's Club Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Wives and

friends are to be guests.

Board of Trustees will meet on

Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.

The Dutiful Daughters Class will

meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Butcher, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Doreas Class will meet at the

church on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Midweek service, Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsals, Adult, Wednes-

day 8:00 p.m. Youth, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

West Monroe and Eleventh Sts.

Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor

Sunday school, 9:00 a.m.; Adult

Bible class, 9:00 a.m.; The Morn-

ing Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednes-

day Lenten Vesper, 7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church extends

a special invitation to the public

to attend the mid-week Lenten

Vespers that will be conducted

every Wednesday evening during

Lent at 7:30 o'clock. The sermons,

hymns, Scripture readings, and

choir selections will center in the

Passion Story.

Holy Communion will be cele-

brated at the Ash Wednesday ser-

vice. Members of the congregation

desiring to commune must first

announce their intention to the

pastor.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

will be administered at Sunday

morning's service for the infant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schamer-

loh, and the infant daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brodbeck.

Sponsors and witnesses at the

ceremony will be, respectively,

Fred Schamerloh and Eugene

Aeschlimann; and Robert and

Charles Marbach, and Mary Hart-</p