

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 stuff 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 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.

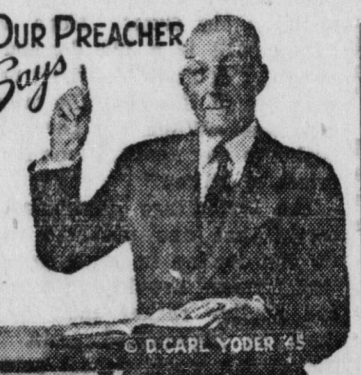
V.11. "Strengthened with all might." It is spiritual strength bestowed by God of which Paul speaks some of the fruits of which are patience and long suffering.

V.12. "Giving thanks to the Father." A child of God does not go far 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.



Lincoln said, "If I were to try and read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me this shop might as well be closed. I do the very best I know how — the very best I can; I mean doing so to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to any thing; if the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at Sunday morning's service for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schamerloh, 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-sough.

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 Waither League will not meet on Wednesday evening, but

Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor
6:00 a.m. Low Mass.
7:30 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.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Message by pastor.
Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Christine Andrews, president.
Juniors, 6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Message by pastor.
Church School Board. Following evening service.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.
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 8:00 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. Dorcas Class will meet at the church on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Midweek service, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsals, Adult, Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Youth, Thursday at 8:30 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 Morning Service, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday 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 celebrated at the Ash Wednesday service. Members of the congregation desiring to commune must first announce their intention to the pastor.

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next Sunday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. The Zion Lutheran Missionary Society will sponsor a Bake Sale in the church basement rooms next week Saturday, February 14, the sale beginning at 10:00 a.m.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhower, minister
Fred Scheiderer, Sup.
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Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Glen Roop Supt.

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. Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.

Come and worship with us.

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

Make it a family school. Parents bring those children and remain with them for the services of the morning. You owe your children this example.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Music by our choir.
Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "Hopeless, Yet There is Hope. Every-one welcome at this house of God. You should hear this timely message from God's prophetic Word."

7:00 p.m. Evening Service. Various features of interest with a brief message from God's Word by the pastor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, the mid-week hour of prayer.

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.
The Christian Endeavor 6:30 p.m. Gladys Raver, president.

Worship service 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor.
Quarterly conference Wednesday evening Feb. 11th 7:30 p.m. Rev. Paul Parker conference supt. in charge.

God to church Sunday.

The First Methodist Church
Merrill O. Lester, minister
Lowell J. Smith, supt.

Services for the day.
Church school at 9:30.
Public Worship at 10:20 — Sermon subject "Utterly Destroy."

Junior and Senior Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
Revival Meetings beginning Tuesday night February 10th.

Evangelistic Brookshire, a recognized evangelist of the Methodist church will be the preacher. He is a member of the Kentucky Annual conference, a graduate of college and theological seminary.

The membership and friends are urged to attend the first meeting on Tuesday night. An informal reception will be given the evangelist and his wife at the close of that service. It will help a lot if people become acquainted as much as possible.

Thursday afternoon the W. S. C. S. will have general meeting at the church. Executive meeting at 1:45. Regular meeting at 2:30.

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10:30 a.m.—Divine Worship and sermon. Anthem and music by Vested choir and organist. Sermon by The Rev. Mr. Campbell. Solo by Mr. Campbell. Bring the whole family.

6:30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor societies.

7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service in charge of The Rev. Mr. Campbell. All welcome.

7:00 p.m.—Wednesday Lenten Preaching service. We shall have worship and sermon each Wednesday evening during Lent. Sermon subject for this week: "The Betrayal of Christ." Program for small children of all ages on first floor during Lenten Services.

8:00 p.m.—Wednesday Choir rehearsal.

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H. J. Welty, minister

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A duet by Mrs. Rupp and Mrs. Welty will be sung entitled, "Be Still And Know." Message, "The Hope that Purifies."

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour.
7:30 Evening service. Message, "Life's Great Necessity."

Wednesday 7:30 Bible study and prayer meeting.

Sunday morning you will have the privilege of hearing Al Zahout, nationally known violinist, over station WGL at 8:00 on the program "Your Sunrise Chapel," which is a daily broadcast of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

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First Presbyterian Church
"Five Points"
John W. McPheeters, Jr., pastor
Boy Scout Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church school. Leo L. Nussbaum, general superintendent.
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. All the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be our guests. Sermon: "I Promise to Obey." Vocal Duet by Mrs. Dan H. Tyndall and Mr. Paul Sauer. Toddlers' Room.

6:15 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship. Leader: Kaye Runyon.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. The Session invites every member of our congregation to a Covered Dish Supper meeting of the Church. The Ladies' Aid Society will serve the coffee, rolls, sugar and cream. Please bring a covered dish, and your table service!

7:45 p.m. World Friendship Guild's Anniversary Meeting.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer. Service at the Trinity Church, 9th and Madison Streets. Dr. Esperson of Ft. Wayne will speak.

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Dwight R. McCurdy, ministers

9:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon, "Give of your Best To the Master."

10:30 a.m. Church School, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, General Supt.
6:45 p.m. Shining Lights, in charge of Mrs. McCurdy.

6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Wm.

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Hawkins, President.

7:30 p.m. Evening Evangelistic Services, Sermon, "Christ And Him Crucified."

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

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Prayer Meeting. In charge of the Women of the Church. Mrs. Robert Strickler chairman.

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sanctuary Choir Practice.

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Clerious Says:

Clerious says: "I am the bread of life, Jesus declared. Every want of the soul he could satisfy. The nature of the soul by the communicated life of God — that is what Christ is talking about. Christ gives a certain kind of strength. It is strength incorporated. It is the moral qualities of his nature that are to enter into us and be ours before we are his." Phillips Brooks.

Good boys who to their books apply

Lesson Prayer

Lesson Prayer: We are grateful for Christ whose nature is so far above that of man's nature that there is offered us a challenge to study him and to incorporate his spirit, his will, his love into our lives so definitely that our whole nature shall be changed and that we shall be like him and thus deserve his name and be known as Christians.

DO YOU KNOW?

Identify the characters by the following statements:

1. When my kinsman Abraham, left Ur of the Chaldees, I accompanied him.

2. Left a young and childless widow, I found strength and consolation in my love for my husband's mother.

3. Born into a royal family, I suffered from two handicaps: my father was too lenient with me and I was strickenly handsome.

4. I was closely related to Israel's first king and was "captain of his host."

5. I was a prophet of God and a confidential adviser to King David.

ANSWERS TO "DO YOU KNOW?"

1. Lot
2. Ruth
3. Absalom
4. Abner
5. Nathan

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