

Sunday School Lesson
Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Personal Witness of Christ, for Sunday, March 7.

1. Why is the guidance of the Spirit important in Christian work?
2. How may the guidance of the Holy Spirit be secured?
3. What are some things tactful persons will avoid in personal work?
4. What constitutes a friendly approach to a person whose salvation is sought?
5. What is the place of baptism in conversion?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, The Personal Witness for Christ, Acts 8:26-39 for Sunday, March 7.

There is portrayed in this lesson the rightful place of a layman in the church. Philip was appointed one of the deacons of the early church as a lay-worker looking after the needs of others; he looked after the spiritual needs of others with their physical needs so well that he was known as the evangelist.

V. 26. "And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth from Jerusalem unto Gaza which is desert." Philip lived so close to the Lord that he could hear from God. God issued a call to go to a desert which would seem the most unpropitious place to win souls to God. Some of God's most glorious achievements have been wrought in most unlikely places.

V. 27. "And he arose and went; and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasures, and had to come to Jerusalem to worship." A good witness acts immediately at the first opportunity; he does not stop for race or color. There is a chance to win a soul that seeks God in worship.

V. 28. "Was returning, sitting in his chariot, read Isaias the Prophet." A seeker after God will use the scriptures to find the light.

V. 29. "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to his chariot." The man whose chief business is Christian witnessing and soul winning will get special help from God.

V. 30. "And Philip ran thither to him and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou that thou readest?" Philip was interested in what this stranger was reading; to get started in soulwinning, find something at first of common interest.

V. 31. "And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him." Correct Bible interpretation is of great

importance; a good Christian witness needs to know his Bible well.

V. 32,33. "And the place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away; and who shall declare his generation? for his life shall be taken from the earth." These words are quoted from Isaiah 53:7,8. They tell about the suffering Servant of the Lord, who was the Messiah. God's word becomes plainer through the years for there is a continual revelation of God and his will to men to those who walk with God.

V. 34. "And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself or of some other man?"

This was a natural question to ask. One who had not heard of Christ would be puzzled. But there is hope for the man who asks sane questions about God and his word.

V. 35. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the certain scripture and preached unto him Jesus." No better text could have been desired by Philip. God was evidently directing the proceedings. Here is an example of the fact, declared by Christ, that the Old Testament testifies of him.

V. 36. "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Evidently Philip gave the needed instructions a seeker after God ought to know since the eunuch asked for baptism. It speaks well for a seeker after God to take all the New Testament steps.

V. 37. "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Here the first Gentile Christian gave the utterance that churches of all faiths agree as being fundamental.

V. 38. "And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down, both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him." Note that Philip began his interview with Jesus as the central theme and he ends with emphasis on Jesus.

V. 39. "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip." In finding Christ, the new experience permits the soulwinner to drop out, for it is Jesus that must be magnified.

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A New Sin

The pastor was examining one of the younger class, and asked the question, "What are the sins of omission?"

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The Christian Hope of Immortality, Taylor, is a short compact, tightly knit exposition of the Christian doctrine of immortality. The book deals with questions of universal interest such as the nature of the future life and deals effectively with distortion and confusions.

Lesson Prayer

Lesson Prayer: We are grateful that each of us can have a part in making this a Christian world by

witnessing for Christ a study and then so direct our every expression that we may make the subject of being Christian witnesses. Grant that we may bear unequivocal testimony that Christ is the Saviour of the world whom all need to accept.

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Ralph A. Carter, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Jesse Edgell, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Message, "Respectable Heavenly Citizen."

Youth services, 6:45 p.m. Christine Andrews, president.

Juniors, 6:45 p.m.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Our Three Judges."

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.

Wednesday 8:10 p.m. Choir practice.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Young Peoples Missionary Society.

Friday 7:00 p.m. Lay Visitation Group meet at parsonage.

The Preacher's meeting of the Northeastern Indiana District will convene at Muncie First Church Monday 1:30 p.m. and continue until Wednesday noon. Dr. G. W. Williamson, General Superintendent of Kansas City, Mo., will be the guest speaker.

First Christian Church

E. E. Eisenhower, minister

Fred Scheiderer, Supt.

The Friendly Church has a welcome for you Sunday morning at 9:30. A one service program, with Phillips Kraft at the piano and Brooks Tickle as leader of song, supported by the choir the superintendent and the minister leads you in worshiping God. The minister will speak on the subject: "This is my Letter."

7:30 Sunday evening Womans Day program. There will be pictures on the screen "The Missionary of the Apostle Paul." The Friendly Church in a Friendly Town.

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