

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Worth of Christian Character, (Temperance Lesson), for Sunday, March 14.

1. What is meant by "redeeming the time"?
2. What are some ways by which this can be done?
3. How may we understand what the will of the Lord is?
4. In what respect is it right to submit to another?
5. How may a person be filled with the Spirit?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson of Christian Character (Temperance Lesson), Ephesians 5:6-21 for Sunday, March 14. This lesson to be treated as a temperance lesson does not have much to say on the subject with the exception of verse 18.

Indirectly the subject might be considered a part of the program of sobriety which is the outstanding thought of the lesson.

V.6. "Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. The kind of deception Paul had in mind is the doctrine that an immoral man may have some inheritance in the kingdom of God (see verse 5). Words which try to reconcile religion with wickedness are empty and vain.

V.7. "Be ye not therefore partakers with them." One should not endanger his soul by association with the immoral and wicked.

V.8. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light." One reason why believers and unbelievers should be socially separated as far as possible is because both character and aim is different.

V.9. "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth." Goodness, righteousness and truth are the high principles that govern the lives of believers.

V.10. "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." Christians should take as their standard of life the things which please God. Here is a test to apply to all such things as doubtful amusements and harmful pleasures.

V.11. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Believers should live in the open. Christians should act so that at the close of the day they would not be afraid for God to publish the entire history of the day. Instead of associating closely with unbelievers, Christians should reprove them. But to reprove takes a lot of Christian grace.

V.12. "For it is shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Proper publicity is one of the most potent remedies for impurity of

heart and life.

Disease germs multiply in dark bedrooms and cupboards.

V.13. "But all things that are re-proved are made manifest by the light; for whatever doth make manifest is light." As Christ reigns in our hearts and lives are we made sunny within, pure and healthy without and only then can we shed light upon others.

V.14. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." This verse takes the form of an appeal to wake out of the pagan condition of sin described by the twofold figure of sleep and death and of the promise that then Christ shall shine upon the sinner with the saving light of his truth.

V.15. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise." Christians are to walk carefully in a moral and spiritual sense, avoiding every evil thing. One should not walk carelessly without having principles of action; then one should make sure that those principles are right.

V.16. "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." One redeems time by using those moments which others seem to throw away, steadily improving every present moment so that in some measure the time lost may be regained. Other things being equal the man who uses well every minute succeeds.

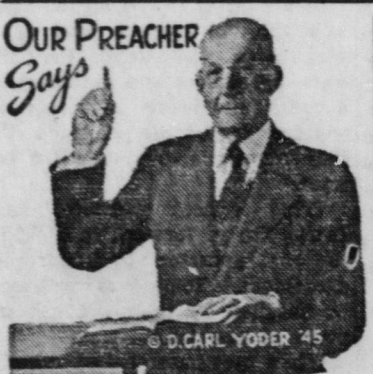
V.17. "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." The chief way in which we may obtain an understanding is through a study of God's word. The Spirit of the Lord will help illuminate our minds as to what the will of God is.

V.18. "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Drunkenness is debauchery which is degrading; every drink points to such a possible end. The only way to get full is to be filled with Spirit.

Vs.19,20. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Joyful feelings ought to be expressed and here is the value of song. There is spiritual power in a sacred song well sung.

V.21. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Every thing should be done for peace and harmony and this calls for a certain surrender of one's wishes to fit into the program of others.

go into the glowing galaxy that enhances, beautifies and gives grace and charm to life. It is too bad that any of us should miss these golden opportunities by failing to improve them. — H.O.F.



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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, Way of the Cross.

Holy Communion Sundays

First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality.

Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.

Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Lenten Services

Tuesday, sermon, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Way of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene

North Seventh & Marshall Sts.

Ralph A. Carter, pastor

Sunday School and Worship 9:30 a.m. Unified Service.

Juniors 6:45 p.m.

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

Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m. Message: "The Threefold Crucifixion"

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

Wednesday 8:10 p.m. Choir practice.

Friday 7:00 p.m. Lay Visitation Group.

First Baptist Church

Carey R. Moser, pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Ralph Kenworthy, Supt.

A class you will enjoy where you will be very welcome.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Our choir will be present to lead us in worshipful singing. The pastor will speak from the theme, "How To Be Saved and Prove It." If you have not a church home in the city we invite you to worship with us.

Our Junior church also meets at this hour. Parents do not forget to bring your children for this hour.

7:00 p.m. Evening Service. Good singing and special features, with a brief message by the pastor. You are welcome.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, our mid-week hour of prayer. At 8:30, we will begin our Teacher's Training Class. There is still time for you to join.

First Presbyterian Church

John W. McPeeters, Jr., Minister

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Church School. Leo L. Nussbaum, Supt.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon. Trio: Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Miss Helen Haubold, Mr. Paul Sauer. Toddler's Room kept during the service.

5:30 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship. Covered Dish Supper. Worship. Showing of Cathedral 16 mm. sound film, "Parable of the Prodigal Son." Everybody, both adults and young people are invited to see this film.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Westminster High School Choir Practice.

6:30 p.m. Men's club supper. Robert Heller, speaker.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. Called meeting of the Session to receive new communicants. All those who plan to become members of the Church are requested to attend.

Palm Sunday, 7:30 p.m. The High School Class will present the Evening Worship on the theme: "The Last Weeks of Jesus."

Holy Week Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Carrie Haubold will preside at the organ.

Good Friday Union Services, 12:30 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service, Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Feller, pastor

Church School at 9:00 a.m. Glen Roop, Supt.

A sound motion picture temperance film, "It's the Brain That Counts" will be shown to the upper classes of the school.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sermon: "The Atonement." The fifth in the series of sermons based on the theme, "What We Believe."

Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. The Bethany Evangelical United Brethren young people will meet with our group.

Special meeting of the Girls' Guild on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. S. E. Leonardson. Senior catechetical class on Tues-

day at 4:00 p.m.

Mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. "The Blind Beggar of Jerusalem," a Cathedral sound film will be shown. Choir rehearsal in the church after the service. Presentation of the confirmation class to parents and the official board in the social room, following the Lenten service.

Phoebe Bible Class meeting in the church social room on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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.

The First Methodist Church

Merrill O. Lester, Minister

Lowell J. Smith, Supt.

Services for the day:

9:00 Church school.

10:20 Public Worship.

6:00 Junior Fellowship.

6:00 Senior Fellowship.

"I thirst" will be the two words used in the morning meditation by the minister.

At the close of the worship period, the official board is requested to remain for important and necessary business.

Next Sunday will be the "March of the Palms." The palms are here and will be distributed during the march at the close of the service.

Next Sunday will be reception of members and baptism of both adults and children. Let parents contact the minister relative to the service for the children.

You are invited to assemble with us for any or all of these services.

Trinity Church

Evangelical United Brethren

Madison at Ninth Street

Charles E. White, minister

9:15 A. M.—Sunday school, Curtis F. Hill, Supt. Classes with separate rooms and capable teachers for all ages. Urge your friends, guests and neighbors to attend. All are welcome. Let us build toward a great Easter rally.

10:30 A. M.—Divine Worship and sermon. Another of the "Annual Lenten Come to Church Campaign series—Follow in the footsteps of your forefathers—Come to Church!" Sermon subject: "He Saved Others, Himself He Could Not Save." Anthem by Vested choir. Mr. Harold Mumma, organist at the three manual pipe organ. A service that is carefully and prayerfully planned in which the people participate, lasting one hour and designed to strengthen the spiritual life. Bring the whole family.

6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor Societies.

7:30 P. M. Evening service and sermon. Subject: "A Hopeful Resolve." Anthem by the Vested choir with Harold Mumma at the manual console. All are welcome.

7:00 P. M. Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Worship and Preaching. Subject: "Art Thou A King, then?" Appropriate organ music. Anthem by Junior Vested choir, choral service by the Senior vested choir. "Plan to watch with the Savior at this Holy Hour on Wednesday evening." Program for smaller children on first floor at same hour.

8:00 P. M. Wednesday Senior choir rehearsal.

12:30 Noon, Junior choir at the church, Saturday.

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Revival Meetings

9:30 a.m. Divine worship, Sermon by Rev. Maurice Bergquist, evangelist.

10:30 a.m. Church school. Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, general superintendent.

6:45 p.m. Shining Lights.

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

7:30 p.m. Evening revival service; Rev. Maurice Bergquist, evangelist guest speaker.

Special Revival Meetings

Sunday and all next week, closing Friday evening March 19th the Reverend Maurice Bergquist, will conduct revival services.

A graduate of Anderson College and Theological Seminary, the

Evangelist was also a delegate to the International, Inter-denominational Youth Convention at Oslo, Norway. Following the convention, Rev. Bergquist made a Missionary tour of Norway, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt, where he was privileged to study the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs of the people.

The public is cordially invited to attend these revival meetings, and hear this dynamic young Evangelist. Timely messages, inspiring music and special singing will feature each service.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhower, minister
Fred Scheiderer, Supt.

Sunday Morning 9:30 the one service program begins truly, a period of worship and study, with an open Bible the sermon is delivered and the study is made; not what men think but what God's Word says.

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9:00 to 11:00 Unified Services of Sunday School and Morning Worship.

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Message by Pastor on "Christ the Unique."

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour. We will have a live fish at this service to be used for the lesson. Rewards are given to all children who attend these services.

7:30 Evening Service. This will be a SPECIAL REQUEST PROGRAM of all music. You are all invited to this service. The program is as follows:

Ladies Quartet — "Have Thine Own Way."

Duet — Mrs. Rupp and Mrs. Welty. "Be Still and Know."

Piano solo — Kent VonGuten.

Duet — Mr. and Mrs. Rupp.

Solo — Mr. Strahm.

Solo — Mrs. Welty. "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Solo — Jimmie Welty.

Duet — Rev. and Mrs. Welty. "He Helps Us Through."

Trio — Fuhrman Children.

Piano Solo — Mrs. Myers.

Solo — Mrs. Rupp.

Trio — Mrs. Rupp, Idlewine, and Welty.

Solo — Rev. Welty.

Duet — Mr. and Mrs. VonGuten.

Solo — Janet Rupp.

Solo — Mrs. Tumbleton. "Teach Me To Pray."

Wednesday, March 17.

7:30 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Revival Meetings from April 27 May 9 with Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard Amstutz of Auburn, Ind.

We invite all who have no church home to make the Missionary Church their home. Come and worship with us.

Bethany Church

Evangelical United Brethren

F. H. Willard, Minister

Sunday school 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Ray Stingley, Supt.