

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, A prophet among the Exiles, for Sunday, April 4.

1. What other prophets are linked with Ezekiel in the history of the Hebrew people?
2. What did Ezekiel try to achieve?
3. What were some of the difficulties Ezekiel was called on to meet?
4. How responsible is a non-Christian, is a Christian friend?
5. In what respects are a vast majority of people in captivity today?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, A prophet among the Exiles, Ezekiel 1:1-3; 3:11; 3:17-21; 4:1-3 for Sunday, April 4.

This lesson deals with the great hearted pastor, who shepherded the Hebrews in the land of Babylon after they were carried off into captivity.

V.1. "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." The hour of the greatest need is the hour of divine presence and divine strength.

V.2. "In the fifth day of the month which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity." Disobedience to God and his word ends in captivity and death.

V.3. "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him." The word of God was present to show what to do and the hand of God was present to enable him to do it. If we obey the word we will feel God's hand.

V.11. "And go, and get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them and tell them. Thus saith the Lord God, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear." The duty of the prophet is to speak in the name of the Lord, whether the people will heed or not. Thus saith the Lord to ring out over the life of every generation. The only true authority is divine authority.

V.17. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me." A particular function of the prophet is to serve as a watchman or sentinel, who stands on the watch to observe, and to warn others in case of danger. Ministers are God's mouth pieces to the children of men.

V.18. "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning nor to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity." Right relations with each other and with God is most important. Right relations in the home maintaining the tie of love, matched with the right relation to God maintaining the tie of divine love, knits souls together with each other and with God that makes perpetual and eternal lives here on earth.

Book Review
53 More Sunday Talks to Children by Joseph A. Schofield, Jr., consists of Bible centered sermons for children, which are practical, timely, simple and interesting, tested by actual use with children.

ty; but his blood will require at thine hand." Our responsibility is not that men should do right, but that we ourselves should do right by warning them against evil and encouraging them in righteousness. At some time or some area of human activity we are assigned as watchman, commissioned by God to speak in behalf of truth and against evil.

V.19. "Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul; it is not enough for a man turn to turn from his wicked way; an outward reformation, but he must turn from his wickedness, from the love of it and the inclination to it, by an inward regeneration.

V.20. "Again, when a righteous man turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand." It must be made clear God is nowhere represented as causing nations or men to do evil acts which they are also represented as doing of their own accord and with evil intent; and God is nowhere represented as the author of sin in such sense that he causes an innocent mind to sin. There is need of much watching and praying for it is possible for a godly man to go wrong.

V.21. "Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Here is one place where a child of God must be at his best—namely in giving clear warnings of the consequences of evil; only by doing this is a man who knows the truth himself saved.

V.1. "Thou also son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray on it the city, even Jerusalem." This is a symbol by which the siege and destruction of Jerusalem was portrayed.

V.2. "And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and set battering rams against round about." All the apparatus of a besieging army is to be represented in miniature as the people observe.

V.3. The iron pan of this verse may represent the kind of shield from behind which the besiegers discharged their arrows.

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "Moral responsibility is a thing of such moral import that we should view it with the utmost concern. Each of us is a watchman over the life of some one. We owe a duty to those who are near and a duty to those who are afar off. If we know a thing to be right, let us say it; if we know a thing to be wrong, let us not hesitate to denounce it."

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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.

First Baptist Church
Carey R. Moser, pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday school. Ralph Kenworthy, supt. An opportunity for you and your whole family to study the Word of God under competent teachers.

10:30 a.m. Morning worship. Special music by our choir. Sermon theme, "A Ragson For Many." The Lord's Supper will be observed. The Junior church meets at this hour to care for your children. Be sure to bring your children for this important service.

7:00 p.m. Happy evening hour. Always something novel and interesting at this service. Not a dry moment. Bring your friends, they will enjoy it too. Just one hour at the close of the Lord's Day. Everyone welcome.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday mid-week hour of prayer. This week we will discuss some Sunday School problems at this hour.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, our Teacher's Training Class convenes at the church.

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6:45 p.m. Shining Lights.
6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship. Wm. Hawkins, president, Mrs. Janice Agler, advisor.

7:30 p.m. Evening Evangelistic Service; Sermon subject: "Why Be A Christian?"
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Sunday 9:00-11:00.
Unified services with Mervin Rupp, supt. A duet will be sung by Mrs. Idewine and Mrs. Tumbleton. We will observe Holy Communion during this service.
7:00 p.m. Children's Hour. We will be starting a special series of studies of the Old Testament on the Flannelgraph for the children. Bring your children to this service.
7:30 Evening evangelistic services.
Wednesday 7:30 Bible Study and prayer meeting.
Thursday 7:44 Ladies' fellowship will meet at the home of Mrs. Herald Welty, 124 S. Tenth St.
We welcome you to each of our services. If you have no church home make the Missionary Church your church.

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Morning worship 10:10 a.m.
Sermon "The Rainbow in the Clouds."
The Girls of the Rainbow have arranged to attend the service in a body as guests.
Youth Fellowship 6:15 p.m.
Midweek service, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Council of Administration, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Do Your Best Class will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Caroline Alger.
Choir rehearsals—Youth, Thursday 6:15.
Adult, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Church
Evangelical United Brethren
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Charles E. White, minister
9:15 a.m.—Sunday church school. Curtis Hill, supt. 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: "Do You Know God?" Anthem: by the Vested Chorus. Organ music by Harold Munnia at the three manual console. These services are carefully and prayerfully planned for the strengthening of the spiritual life and all members of the family are urged to attend. The public is cordially welcome.
6:30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor Societies.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service. Choral and organ music. Sermon subject: "The Merciful Redeemer." An evening hour spent in the sanctuary of God will give peace and will strengthen you for the tasks of life.
7:00 p.m.—Wednesday mid-week prayer and Bible study.
8:00 p.m.—Wednesday choir rehearsal.

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First Presbyterian Church
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First Sunday After Easter
9:30 a.m. Church School. Leo Nussbaum, General Supt.
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. Sermon: "The Prime Requisite In Our Calling." Special Music. Toddler's Room.
6:15 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship. The Christian Outreach Commission will be in charge of the worship.
Tuesday, the 13th, 7:30 p.m. Called meeting of the Board of Deacons.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Westminster Youth Choir.
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Ft. Wayne Presbyterian meets at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. All the ladies of the Church are invited. Please hand in your reservation before Tuesday noon!
Friday, 7:30 p.m. Church School Teachers' & Officers' Meeting.

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: "Let Us Forget." This will be a Communion service.
Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Christine Andrews, president.
Juniors, 6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "A Question Everybody Must Answer."
Monday 7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer service at Ed Roe home.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service.
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Young Peoples Missionary Society.
Friday 7:00 p.m. Group Visitation.

Zion Lutheran Church
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Sunday school and Bible Class at 9 a.m.
The Sunday service is conducted at 10 a.m.
The Executive Board of the Waltheide Lutheran Zone will meet in Zion Church basement rooms on Monday evening, 7:30. Dan Frey is president of the local society and a member of the Executive Board.
The Board of Finance meets Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, with a meeting of the Board of Vestry following at 8 p.m.

World Religious News
The meeting of the World Council

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The general public is invited by the Married Couples Club to enjoy the showing of the full-length religious sound-film, "Reaching From Heaven," at 7:30, promptly.
The Adult Membership Class meets Thursday evening, 7 p.m.

Nuttman Avenue United Brethren in Christ
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 6:30 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. Administration Board meeting following the prayer meeting.
Notice—Dr. Y. T. Chien, missionary from China will speak at the Nuttman Avenue U. B. Church Sunday morning Apr. 11th at 10:30 a.m. You will be glad to hear his message.
"Go to Church Sunday."

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 Thrill of a New Life." Let us seek to keep the Easter joy burning in our hearts by worshipping the Risen Lord in His House.
Church School teachers and officers will meet in the church parlor on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Official Board meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Girls' Guild meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Janet Ruck, 115 S. 7th St.
Women's Guild meeting in the church social room on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Junior catechetical class on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.
Come and worship with us.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhower, Minister
Fred Scheidefer, Supt.
One Service Program beginning at 9:30.
Sermon subject — (Not faithless, but believing).
Baptismal services.
Junior Church same time. Mrs. Isenhower in charge.
Subject — The Disciples.

The First Methodist Church
Merrill O. Lester, Minister
Lowell J. Smith, Supt.
Our guest speaker Sunday morning will be C. M. Wallace. He will bring an inspiring message full of information we all ought to know. The Junior and Senior Fellowship groups will meet at 6:00 p.m. The general meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church on Thursday evening. The choir will practice Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome is extended to you.

DO YOU KNOW?
1. Among the children of Israel a Hebrew family, who was especially consecrated?
2. Who said, "Let patience have her perfect work?"
3. Who was the great statesman of the exile?
4. What river does the Bible call "The Great River?"
5. What is said by the Psalmist to be "the beginning of wisdom?"

**ANSWERS TO
"DO YOU KNOW?"**
1. The first born son. Numbers 3:11.
2. James.
3. Daniel.
4. The Euphrates.
5. "The fear of the Lord."

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This is the foundation of the in the only sense in which it endures.

So faith in God is fundamental to the liberty which we prize. Why not let your God grow and accept the invitation to come to Church Next Sunday?
D. Carl

All of Churches will take place in Amsterdam, Holland, August 22-September 5, 1948. There will be 450 delegates allotted as follows: 85 from the Eastern Orthodox churches, 110 from churches of Continental Europe, 60 from churches of Great Britain and Eire, 90 from churches of the United States and Canada, 50 from churches of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Pacific Islands, 25 from churches of South Africa and Australia, 30 from miscellaneous minority churches in all parts of the world. There will be 126 churches from 39 countries represented at the assembly. The Northern Baptist Convention, which is a member of the World Council of Churches, is in this instance regarded as a church; 27 American churches will be represented.

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Lesson Prayer
Lesson prayer: We are grateful for a God that guides His children to know His will and gives courage and strength to do it. Forbid that, having accepted Thee as our Lord and Saviour, we should ever become lukewarm. Grant us the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to always be at our best for the right.

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