

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Ezra leads a Religious Revival for Sunday May 9th.

1. What is to be expected in a preacher if a revival is wanted?
2. What is to be expected in a congregation if a revival is wanted?
3. What place does the Bible have in a revival meeting?
4. How may one hear well the Word of God?
5. How is one's acceptance of the Word tested?

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Creamed Comments
On S.S. Lesson
The beginning of a great revival was in the heart of Ezra who yearned for better Israel; the work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem having been finished had a good effect upon Israel in wanting something more than the material.

V.I. "And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel." A wave of religious conviction swept over the people so that petty differences melted away as they sought to know the truth as one body; harmony and the spirit of unity is essential to a revival of religion.

V.2. "And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month." In a revival there is a call for the Word of God to know what God has to say; note all classes and ages came; God has a message for every one.

V.3. "And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning till midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law." Ezra must have read well for the people listened well; here is another step in a religious revival.

V.5. "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it all the people stood up." It is the open book that counts with the Bible; Many have Bibles but they remained closed. Ezra as a spokesman of God stood high enough above the crowd to be seen and heard. The radio is not enough to get the church service; one wants to see the speaker, to hear him with ears and eyes. A genuine revival will not be conducted by means of the radio; God's church must be honored.



One of the great moments in my life was the morning when I left home to attend country school. Mother followed me to the gate where with trembling voice and tear-stained eyes, she laid her hand on my head saying, "Davie, remember that God sees you."

Those words have followed me to this day. Many times when I have been tempted and sorely tried, those words have made the fact of God very real to me. My mother taught me that God is not a policeman but a loving Father who sees me, a fact that constrained me to please Him. Thanks for a good mother.

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ed. The people standing indicated the reverence they had for the word. To them the word read was the same as God speaking.

V.6. "And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen. Amen, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshipped." Note the three things; the minister praising God, the peoples' heart response, and all together worshipping the Lord in deep humility.

V.8. "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand." Expository preaching counts most. A good Bible student wants to know what each verse means for only in this way will people understand the scriptures. Ezra was assisted by helpers who after his exposition proceeded to relay his message by groups.

V.28. "And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of lands unto the law of the God, their wives and their sons and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding." The preceding verses give the names of those who signed a covenant the list being concluded in this verse. It is good for man to make covenants to God who has given so many promises.

V.29. "They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law which was given by Moses the servant of God; and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes." Obedience to the word and the will of God is the only security about which the holy scriptures speak. The words, "curse" and "oath" simply means that the people solemnly pledged themselves to obey.

V.30. "And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for their sons." Intermarriage with the ungodly would not be tolerated.

V.31. "And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day; and that we would leave the seventh year and exaction of every debt." Strict observance of the sabbath day was assured. In addition they would make free will offerings besides the giving of their tithes.

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "The soul can never be happy without God, and no manifestation of modern power can suppress in our souls the everlasting longing which we have for his spirit. St. Augustine expressed our thought when he said, 'Thou hast fashioned us for thyself, O God, and our souls are restless till they find their rest in thee.'"

Lesson Prayer

Lesson Prayer: Forgive us for our lack of interest in thy Word; grant to give us a greater desire to know thy Word and to give heed to its teaching and to verify its precepts by putting its teachings to work in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Book Review

Thoughts To Live By, by J. A. Rosenkranz is a collection of concise pertinent observations which may serve as guiding principles in solving day by day problems.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur



St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, 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 Hour Saturday, 7 to 8 p. m.
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 Methodist Church
Merrill O. Lester, Minister
Lowell J. Smith, Supt.

"Marriage and The Home" will be the subject of the minister's sermon Sunday morning. There will be baptism of children at this service. Contact the minister about your desires. Church school at 9:30. Public worship at 10:20 a.m. W. S. C. general meeting Thursday at 2:30 o'clock. Junior and Senior Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. — Both prayer service and choir practice.

First Baptist Church
Carey R. Moser, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday school. Ralph Kenworthy, supt.
10:30 a.m. Divine worship. The large choir will render two special selections dedicated to Mothers. The sermon theme will be, "Motherhood in Sodom." We invite you to enjoy this Mother's Day service with us. Bring the whole family in honor of Mother.

7:00 p.m. Evening service. Another enjoyable service in which we shall also try to honor our mothers. Let us have a large congregation present.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Prayer hour.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Choir rehearsal.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Teachers training class.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhour, minister
Fred Scheiderer, supt.

9:30 Sunday morning you have a special welcome at the Friendly Church; Mothers Day program, services in charge of the men, the entire program will be given by them. Special numbers by the men's chorus. Sermon subject: "Remembrance of Mother." A special gift to the oldest and youngest mother.

Zion Lutheran Church
West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor
(Where beauty of sanctuary and service invite to worship.)

Sunday school and Bible class, 9 a.m.
The Morning service 10 a.m.

Mother's Day will be observed in the service Sunday morning. The pastor will use as sermon text: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Isaiah 66, 13. The church choir, under the direction of Mr. Walter Nagel, will sing "A Mother's Day Prayer," by John Winter Thompson.

The choir will rehearse Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A newly formed Men's Choir will rehearse Monday evening at 7:30. Men of the congregation interested in singing with this group are asked to be present Monday evening.

The Adult Membership class meets Tuesday evening at 7. The Waither League society will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30. The pastor will lead the educational topic, "This is where I live—My Home." The business meeting will be conducted by the chairman, Dan Freely. New officers will be elected. A social evening and refreshments will follow the business meeting.

Mrs. Frank Braun, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Women's Missionary Society, requests that food articles and clothing be brought to the church the first part of the week for the "Parcels for Europe" mailing. The packages will be packed and shipped on Thursday next week.

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First Presbyterian Church
Five Points

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Leo Nussbaum, Supt. Competent teachers and classes for all ages. You are invited.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Special Mother's Day service with Rev. E. E. Briggs as guest pastor.

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"Mothers' Day"

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: "Our Mothers." Anthem by vested choir. Vocal solo by Mrs. K. Sephus Jackson. Appropriate organ music by the organist Mr. Harold Mumma on the three manual organ. Don't fail to honor your Mother by worshipping God. Plan for all members of your family to sit together for worship.

6:30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor societies.
7:30 p.m.—Musical program. Organ recital, directed by Prof. Fred G. Church, organist of the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Ft. Wayne, who will present his outstanding students, who are organists of the churches of the Ft. Wayne area. Seating is being arranged to accommodate all who attend. No admission is charged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

7:00 p.m.—Wednesday mid-week prayer.

8:00 p.m.—Wednesday choir rehearsal.

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor

Church school at 9:00 a.m. Glen Roop, superintendent.

Worship service at 10:00 a.m. Festival of the Christian Home. Sermon: "Christ the Center of Home Life." Every family of the church is urged to be represented 100% as near as possible.

Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Junior choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Guild in the church social room on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Come and worship with us.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, Minister

Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Dr. Ray Stingley, supt.

Morning worship 10:10 a.m. sermon "The Love of God." Children's chapel, during the hour of worship. The film "Fishers of Men," will be shown.

Evening service 7:30. Film "Fishers of Men" will be shown. The Bethany Men's Club will meet on Monday evening at 6:30.

Rev. Ferguson, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene of Bluffton will speak.

The Dorcas class will meet on Tuesday evening 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Charles Lamm.

Midweek services, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Choir rehearsal, youth, Thursday 6:15 p.m.

Adult, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.

Ralph A. Carter, pastor

Unified Services, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

There will be a short Sunday School period then our special workers will take charge. Don't miss this service.

Youth service, 6:45 p.m. This service will be dedicated to our Mothers.

Juniors, 6:45 p.m.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. This will be the closing service of our revival. Be sure to hear these splendid workers. The message of Salvation has been given forth with mighty power in both sermon and song during these past ten days.

Be sure to hear Rev. A. A. White and Prof. John E. Moore in these closing services.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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

Rev. Bragg will have a special message for the Mother's day service. Solo, Miss Helen Haubold.

Youth Fellowship at 6:15 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Members are especially reminded that there will be services each Sunday, with guest pastors filling the pulpit until a new minister is secured.

There will be a meeting of the pulpit committee at the church immediately following the Sunday services. The committee members are Mrs. C. D. Teeple, Mrs. J. F. Sanmann, Charles Langston, Robert Macklin, Lewis L. Smith, Wilbur Petrie and Dick Heller.

Church of God
Cleveland St.

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Dwight R. McCurdy, Ministers

9:30 a.m. Divine Worship, Sermon, "Mothers, Turn to Christ."

10:30 a.m. Church School, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, and Mr. Emery Hawkins General Supts.

6:45 p.m. Shining Lights, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Switzer, in charge.

6:45 p.m. Youth fellowship, Wm. Hawkins, president, Mrs. Guy Agler, adviser.

7:30 p.m. Evening evangelistic service, Sermon "Christianity is like that."

Come join your friends and neighbors, at the Friendly Church on Cleveland Street.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Girls choir practice.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-week prayer meeting, in charge of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, Pres.

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

The chief characteristics of God's church were:

Purity—Unity and Power.

One Fold John 10:16.

One Body Rom. 12:4, 5.

One Way Jer. 32:38-39.

One Heart Acts 4:32.

One Accord Acts 2:1.

One Faith Eph. 4:5.

One Mind 1 Cor. 1:10.

One Doctrine 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

One Baptism Eph. 4:5.

One Spirit 1 Cor. 6:17.

One Name Eph. 3:14-15.

One Door of Entrance John 10:9.

One Head Eph. 5:23.

The Bible says, "A Christian experience makes you a member of the Church of God." Acts 2:47.

"A Christian welcome to all."

Nuttman Avenue United Brethren
In Christ

Gilbert A. Eddy, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Lawrence Michel, Supt.

Mothers Day program 10:30 a.m. In charge of committee.

Christian Endeavor 6:45 p.m.

Gladys Raver president.

Worship services 7:30 p.m.

Sermon by the pastor.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 p.m.

Edith Terrell Leader.
Go to Church Sunday.



The Splendor of Motherhood

Every day from time immemorial continues to be Mothers' Day since to the mother has fallen the responsibility for the shaping of all generations. The care of the baby and its guidance in childhood and adolescence is here to a large extent. The greatest thing in the world continues to be motherhood. It is therefore fitting that a day should be set aside to pay honor to motherhood. The world today is undergoing a

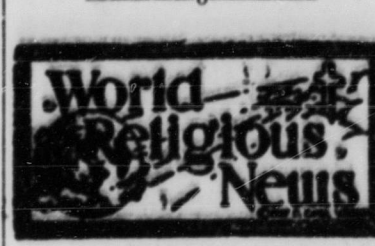
rebuilding. Governments are passing through the fires of reconstruction and rebuilt. Old traditions are being sent to the scrap heap, and one is firmly rooted.

Let us this Sunday be the place where motherhood leads us. Why not accept the invitation and COME TO CHURCH ON MOTHERS' DAY?

D. D. Carl

Wednesday 7:30 Prayer meeting.

We extend a Christian welcome to all to attend our services. If you have no other church home make the Missionary Church your home.



Sixteen hundred Mennonites, refugees from Russia, will be moved by the International Refugee Organization from German camps to Paraguay. These Mennonites are descendants of a group that went from Holland to Germany during the days of the Spanish rule of the Low Countries. In the latter part of the 1700's, they migrated to Russia.

The 1948 E. Stanley Jones Ashrams will be held at Bynden Wood Camp, Wernersville, Pennsylvania, June 6-16; Geneva Point Camp, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, July 19-29; Bible Institute Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 2-12; Camp Sierra, 55 miles east of Fresno, California, August 16-26.

Wit and Wisdom

God Made Mothers That Way

A well known Methodist bishop was remonstrating with his son for staying out late one night and thus causing his mother to lie awake worrying. Finally the boy said, "Well I don't see why mother needs to keep awake on my account."

The bishop answered, "Well, God made mothers that way; that's all I know," and there the argument ended.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who was Ishmael's mother?

2. Why did Hannah go with Little Samuel to Elia?

3. To whose care did the crucified Jesus commit his mother?

4. What man's mother saved his life by giving him when a child to another to bring up?

5. What does David say relative to God's taking the place of a father and a mother?

ANSWERS TO "DO