

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Jesus' Early Teaching and Healing, on the Sunday, February 6.

1. What were the three special functions of Jesus?
2. To what extent is faith healing possible today?
3. Why did Jesus need to pray?
4. Why do we need to pray?
5. How does one enter the kingdom of God?

The first degree of folly is to conceive one's self wise.—Franklin.

Life is giving and getting, the second depending on the first—Hindu Proverb.

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It is thy duty sometimes to leave undone what thou wouldest.—Thom. M. Kempis.

Of the 7,408 Americans now in China, it is estimated that more than half are missionaries.



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Creamed Comments On S. S. Lesson



Jesus sought the necessary spiritual power by earnest prayer. The disciples needed to learn that the way to spiritual power was by prayer. It is true for us today.

V. 37. "And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee." Likely a great crowd came early to Peter's home and Peter and the disciples could do nothing but turn them to Jesus whom they begged to come to the seekers. It is a good sign when people seek Jesus, but some one must pave the way.

V. 38. "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth." Jesus was the first missionary who went into places other than the home town even though there was Christian work to be done. A good Christian believes in foreign missions. Note in the following verse that Jesus went throughout all Galilee.

V. 16. "And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Here we see the human side of Jesus as he went back to his childhood home to see the home folks and preach and heal there also. His coming had been welcomed and he was honored in being asked to read the scriptures and to preach.

V. 15. "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel." To repent and believe is so fundamental that it was the first text of Jesus, Peter, and Paul. There is no hope for the individual or for nations till there is true repentance of sin.

V. 32. "And at even, when the sun did set, they brought to him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils." Jesus had a busy day preaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, healing a man with an unclean spirit and Peter's wife's mother. At the end of the Sabbath his fame brought scores of sick folks and folks with evil spirits to be healed. So great was the crowd at the door of Peter's home that it is written "All the city gathered at the door." Verse 34 indicates that no one was turned away, not even those possessed with devils. Peace, harmony and Christian brotherhood will follow when instead of hating the devil-possessed, we love them and do our best to bring them to Christ, the Great Healer.

Vs. 35, 36. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed; and Simon and they that were with him followed after him." So great was the call of the people, that he said, "This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears."

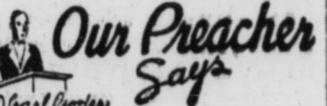
LESSON PRAYER:

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for God's program as revealed through Christ in his preaching, teaching, and healing ministry. Grant that we, his followers, shall adopt this program and make it first in our lives. May it become more and more the program of others until it shall be the world's great program.

Book Review

Points for Emphasis, 1949, by Hight C. Moore, is now in its thirty-second edition. Users through the years and new users alike marvel at the amount of teaching truth packed into this annually anticipated vest pocket commentary. Lesson text and outline, explanatory and practical comments (including the "lesson of the lesson"), and daily Bible readings are given for each lesson.

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