

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Jesus Chooses the Twelve, for Sunday, February 20.

1. What are the marks of a friend of Jesus?
2. What constitutes a disciple of Jesus?
3. What is the difference between a disciple of Jesus and an apostle?
4. Why should human agents be used in carrying out the work of God?
5. What are the evidences that God trusts men called to do his work?

A mind that cannot be simple is not a first-class brain. — Dr. Peale.

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Jesus Chooses the Twelve, Mark 1:16-20; Luke 6:12-16, for Sunday, February 20. Christ's decision to select twelve men whom he could train and trust to carry on his work was one of the most important he ever made. A study of the kind of men he chose furnishes food for thought as in those chosen we find fair samples of what may be expected later of others.

V.16. "And as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea." This was not the first time he had been in contact with them; they had been friends and followers before. But they had not given up their work. One of the gospel writers records how that Jesus advised them to put down their nets on the other side and then they caught a very great draft. This furnished a good background for the following verse.

V.17. "And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Fishers of men is a fine phrase for soul-winning which was to be their task from now on. In fact here is the call for every follower to be a soul winner. Note these men were not preachers; they were laymen. Let no one think the work of soul-winning belongs to the preacher alone.

V.18. "And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him." When Jesus calls any one to follow him it is expected that there will be an immediate response. To delay means that the impression to follow the Lord will become weaker and weaker till there is developed a callousness and one becomes hardened to the voice of God. Then here is the lesson of complete resignation, a full surrender, a renunciation of even one's work. God often allows a follower to go on with his chosen work but his attitude is so changed that his work serves the Lord. The main question is choosing a work is not how much the income will be but how much he can serve the Lord in that work.

V.19. "And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets." These men were associates of Si-

mon and Andrew and were also friends of Jesus. Friendship plays an important part in Christianity. It is a compliment to be known as a friend of good men and best of all of Jesus.

V.20. "And straightway he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him." Zebedee was a man of means and his sons could have lived in comfort but the Lord saw in these two sons possibilities of a high type of Christian service which was of greater importance than any mercantile business. God wants the best in us for his service.

V.12. "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer." To Jesus, the knowledge of the revealed will of God was essential and this came only by close contact with his Father God. There are inner divine impressions that come from prayer not made in any other way and with these impressions there arise holy impulses, desires, and motives that make for spiritual strength. As Jesus needed to pray, so certainly his followers need to pray also.

V.13. "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles." There were three calls of Jesus to his followers. First, the call of friendship; second, the call of discipleship; third, the call of apostleship. These twelve chosen were first friends of Jesus, and then they became disciples or learners, and now they are set apart, ordained, to the special work of going out to all people carrying the gospel message and carrying on the work of Jesus.

V.14. "Simon (whom he also called Peter), Andrew his brother, James and John, Phillip and Bartholomew." These specially ordained men were to do team work and later were sent out two by two. Here is a sane suggestion for evangelism. There is now being conducted in many churches this very plan of having personal workers go out to call men to follow Jesus. The plan worked then and it is working now. God has promised to be in the midst where two or more are gathered in his name so that there is a divine reinforcement when two plan, pray and work for the salvation of others.

Vs. 15,16. "Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes and Judas, the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor."

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "Our Lord believed in the efficacy of prayer. For him prayer was habitual. Often he repeated brief ejaculatory prayers. He prayed wherever he happened to be, and he encourages us to do the same. But there were also times, especially when he confronted great crises, that he withdrew into a quiet place and prayed for hours. In this we see the necessity of prayer for our own lives and the pattern we are to follow in praying."

Book Review

Arnold's Practical Commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, 1949, Light and Life Press, is a best seller in the field of commentaries. A deep spiritual note runs through every page. If a teacher studies the book consistently, he reflects a more thorough understanding of the Scriptures. There are four pages on each lesson and the material is graphic and condensed, the essential points being easy to grasp.

LESSON PRAYER:

Lesson Prayer: We rejoice that God so trusted some men that he would give them his work to do. We are humbled to think that God will trust us also if we choose to be his disciples. Grant that we may make ourselves continually trustworthy and prove our loyalty by good works.

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Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Mgr. 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.
Prayer hour Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Holy Communion Sundays
First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality.
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.
Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Missionary Church
Tenth and Dayton
H. J. Welty, minister
9:00-11:00 Unified service, Merwin Rupp, Supt. Music by the Young Ladies Class.
7 p.m. Children's Gospel Hour.
7:30 Evening Evangelistic Service. Hymn sing and chorus time.

Tues. 7:30 This will be the first service of our special Evangelistic services with the Strubhar-Magary Evangelistic Party, and will continue through until March 6 You are cordially invited to come and hear this party in these services. We are convinced that if you come once you will want to come again.

Nuttman Avenue United Brethren
George E. Weaver, pastor
Sunday School Hour 9:30.
Morning Worship Hour 10:30.
Christian Endeavor Hour 6:30.
Evening Evangelistic Service 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30.

First Christian Church
El E. Isenhower, minister
Lloyd Rhodes Supt.
Sunday Morning at 9:30. The first in the "Forward" movement from now until Easter. This morning, services will be in charge of the Corinthian Class.

The special a duet Sermon "Our Christian Privileges."
Junior Church at the same time.
Midweek Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:00, Mr. Wm. Kohls leader.

Trinity
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, Minister
9:15 a.m. Sunday School; Chalmers Barkley, Supt. A class for every age.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship. At the beginning of the service, Mr. Harold Mumma will play the organ prelude "Prelude from Sonata in C Minor" by Gullmunt. The anthem by the Choir will be "Praise the Lord" by Nolte. The message of the hour will be brought by Professor Allan Kellogg, Ph. D., Dean of Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Indiana.

6:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor Societies and Youth Fellowship. The new Youth Fellowship officers will be installed.

7:30 p.m. Organ, piano, and voice recital by the students of Mr. Fred S. Church of Fort Wayne.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service for four age groups.
8:00 Choir Rehearsal.

Church of the Nazarene
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.
Ralph A. Carter, pastor
Unified services, 9:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m. In the Sunday school there are classes for all ages. Leo Merriman, superintendent.

Subject of the morning message, "Full Assurance of Faith."

Juniors, 6:45 p.m. Mrs. George Anspaugh, supervisor.
Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Evelyn Hicks, president.
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Message, "Making Shipwreck."
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and praise service.
Friday 7:00 p.m. Lay Visitation group.

First Baptist Church
Robert H. Hammond, pastor
Bible school 9:30 a.m. Everybody welcome. Ralph Kenworthy, superintendent.

Morning worship 10:30 a.m. Subject, "Beyond the Horizon." Philip plans 3:11.

Meeting of Sunday school teachers Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Frank Young, leader.

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Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, Minister
Sunday school, 9:15 a. m. Lawrence Anspaugh, superintendent.
Morning Worship, 10:15 a. m. Sermon: "What I Believe About the Cross."

Evening service 7:00 p. m. Closing service of the revival meetings.

The Baileys, who have been providing leadership in music for the revival meetings, will be present at all the services.

The board of trustees will meet on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Midweek service, Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 6:15.

Zion Lutheran Church
West Monroe and Eleventh Sts.
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor
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It is Sexagesima Sunday in the Christian Church Calendar. Two services will be conducted, at 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. "The Lenten call: Jesus of Nazareth is Passing By," will be the sermon theme at both services. The topic is based on the Gospel for the Day, Luke 18. 35-43.

The Zion mixed choir, under the direction of Mr. David Embler, will appear in the 10:30 service, singing, "Seek Ye The Lord."

Bible class and Sunday school are conducted at 9:15 a. m. Classes are conducted for all ages.

The Saturday Bible school is conducted every Saturday morning from 9:15 to 11:30.

Another of the series of lectures on Christian Doctrine will be given Monday evening at 7:30.

The Zion board of ushers will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock for a business and social meeting. All ushers are urged to be present.

The choir will rehearse on Wednesday evening at 7.

The Children's Confirmation class meet Wednesday at 7 o'clock in the parish house.

The Sunday School teachers meet Thursday at 7 and 7:30 p. m. for lesson preparation and teacher training.

Wednesday evening Midweek Lenten Vespers will be conducted beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 7:30 p. m.

First Methodist Church
Gerald H. Jones, Minister
The Church at Study
The Church School
9:30

The profits of the Church School will meet for the study of The Word under competent teachers at 9:30.

The Church at Worship
During the service of worship, Earl and Robert Sprague will serve as the acolytes. Mr. Noah Schrock will read the appointed Epistle of the day, the second Sunday before Lent. The Scripture will be taken from II Cor. 12:1 — 9. The Ladies Choir will sing the anthem, "The Spacious Firmament" by Haydn. Dr. Jones will use as his theme "Can Faith Affect Human Relationship?" Mrs. Walter Krick will direct the choir and Mrs. Edgar Gerber will preside at the organ.

The Youth Fellowship
The Youth will meet in regular session at 6:00.

The Wesley Class
The Wesley Class will have a pot luck supper at 6:00 at the church. Fellowship will be enjoyed during the evening.

Wednesday
The service for prayer will begin at 7:00. The Youth Choir will rehearse at 7:00; the Ladies Choir at 7:45.

Thursday
At 2:30, Circles 1 and 2 will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Krick. Mrs. S. D. Myers will have the lesson. Circles 3 and 4 will meet at the home of Mrs. Adrian Baker, 925 Nuttman Avenue. Miss Etta Maloney will have the lesson.

The World Council of Churches has issued an appeal from Geneva, Switzerland, to the churches of the world to help in the resettlement of displaced persons from Europe. They state that from 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 have been uprooted there and that 800,000 of them should be resettled at once. They suggest that local communities attempt to find housing and jobs for those admitted to their countries.

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The Message of the Top
What a lesson the top preaches! The more balanced he is and the better his equilibrium, the more he stays in one place. When he is started in one direction and kept busily at his labor of spinning he goes a long time. The harder he is at work, the longer he is able to work. The busier he is, the faster he goes, the better he keeps his balance. He does his best work when he is started right. When he is spinning about, one cannot see his scratches and scars. They are, in fact, streaks of decoration.

Just as he is running down and weak, he turns and tries to go in a wrong direction, away from his old habits, and then, once again, takes up his former mode but finds he can do neither and stops.

If the little top has to follow inherent principle, how much more do we! He is simple, obeying one law; and we are complex creatures, obeying and underlying law of activity and operation - to stay upright keep busy, maintain equilibrium, and work to keep going.

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Wit and Wisdom
C. W. D. C. W. D. C.

Testimony Was True
In a special meeting a minister was preaching on "Testimony and Fruit." At the climax of the sermon a thoughtless hen, cackling vociferously, came from under a front bench of the tabernacle. Quick as a flash, the minister, pointing to the hen, said, "That is all right for her to testify, provided she is telling the truth and the fruit will show it so." Hurrying to the corner, he found the egg which he exhibited and clinched his thought with effectiveness.

The Better Way
C. W. D. C. W. D. C.

Holding the Fort
"I am staying in China," writes Miss Amber Van who lives in the Communist-encircled Peiping. "There is still work to do. Until such time as the new regime is actually here, there are tremendous opportunities and needs made all the more acute because some have had to leave. When the Communists come, we do not know what we can do, but we believe we have a witness to make."

She says that the missionaries in the ancient capital of China are laying in a few food supplies, "so we won't be a burden to any one during the time of turnover, when everything will be probably confusing." There are four essentials, as she sees it, for missionary work in Communist areas: (1) You must adopt simplicity in dress and diet; (2) You must earn your own living; (3) You must live that eight of ten persons will testify that you are a good person, or you will be wiped out; (4) You must have such a depth of faith that you can stand under persecution and still grow in your Christian life.

The real goodness of living comes with the journey itself.

Do You Know
What is the Psalm verse that speaks about

1. fretting over wrong?
2. delighting in God?
3. considering the poor?
4. God as our guide "even unto death"?
5. watching one's speech?

Do You Know Answered
1. "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity." (Psa. 37:1)

2. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee desires of thy heart." (Psa. 37:4)

3. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (Psa. 41:1)

4. "For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." (Psa. 48:14)

5. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Psa. 141:3)

If your morals make you distrustful upon it, they are wrong. — Stevenson.

To be happy, if you possibly can, is a frist duty to others. — Peattie

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The church offers us the best opportunity we shall ever have to make friends and be friendly. The church can help us find God, and not only to know about him but to know him. Each must find him in his own way, but as we seek to worship we feel that his is close to us. We are thus able to know his will for us. At the church we

learn their hearts to him. We can worship God anywhere, by ourselves, or in a crowd; however, it is often easier for us to think of God, to have a desire for him to speak to us, in the church than in any other place. Why not accept the invitation and COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

—Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

World Religious News

Dr. E. Stanley Jones has been working in the interest of a Federated Union of the Churches of the United States. He reports after his recent tour that 99.9% of the audiences addressed are in favor of this union.

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