



SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:7-12, 30-44; Luke 10:1-12, 13-15
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 10:5-18

Leadership School

Lesson for March 20, 1949

IT TAKES more than a call of God to be a Christian leader. It takes study, it takes work. The call is necessary, of course, but it is not all. Jesus set the church an example here as always. He called his Twelve; but he was not so foolish as to think that just because he had called them they were all ready to go out and take the lead. Jesus put them through what Dr. Foreman may be called the first Leadership Training School in the history of the Christian church.

Who Was Enrolled?

THE TWELVE Apostles were the training class. Not all Jesus' disciples were equal to it; perhaps some of them actually did not have the time. But these Twelve had already been set off from the others, not because they were better men, but in order to do more direct service in Christ's name. There was nothing formal about Jesus' training school.

It met wherever he was at the time—in a house, or by the roadside, or on a hill-top. There were no set hours, no textbooks, credits or diplomas.

Jesus kept it going to the very end, for even after the Resurrection, as Luke tells us (in Acts 1) he was still teaching his Twelve.

What Did They Study?

THERE WAS no printed circular, no bulletin, no prospectus or catalogue. All the "courses" amounted to just one thing: learning to do what Jesus was doing. To this day, that is the aim of all Christian training. Mark and Luke mention at least four things Jesus' training-school students learned from him: preaching, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and praying. It would not be quite true to say that part of what they learned was spiritual and part practical; for there is nothing more practical than praying as Jesus taught it, and Jesus never ministered to people's physical needs without touching their spirits too.

Many a person now in some hospital for the insane need not have gone there if he had had the help of a well-trained minister can give.

Ministers today are not taught how to perform miracles like the feeding of the 5,000; but knowing that people's physical well-being has a great deal to do with their spiritual welfare, the alert young Christian minister of today will be keenly interested in Christian social action.

How Did They Learn?

THE TWELVE learned by doing. It is the only way you learn anything of a practical nature. Memorizing a textbook, memorizing rules, is not learning. You have learned how to do a thing only when you can do it. Of course you have to see it done, first. A boy on the farm learns to be a farmer by watching his father and helping him, more than from school courses in agriculture, useful as they are. There is nothing to take the place of apprenticeship under one who knows. So Jesus' Twelve watched him, listened to him, helped him, before they were trusted on their own.

Will It Still Work?

THE METHODS Jesus taught are just as effective today as they ever were. Not all churches nowadays follow his line to the letter; in fact, most churches do not. But the basic principles which Jesus drilled into his first traveling representatives are still good. One is faith.

Missionaries in the 20th Century are required to take a great deal more equipment with them to their fields than one pair of shoes, one cane and an empty purse. Yet who can deny that any missionary of any church, in China or in Korea today, must live by faith from day to day?

Another of Jesus' principles was direct contact. People are not won to Christ chiefly by sermons from pulpits, but by in-the-home contacts. Ministers know this; missionaries know it; Sunday school teachers ought to know it too. Getting acquainted with your boys and girls at their homes, and being a friend to them there, is what will give your Sunday teaching its greatest force and success.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Winchester and St. Paul
U. B. Circuit
Dale Osborn, pastor
Winchester:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Preaching 10:30 a.m.

Evangelistic service each evening throughout next week. Come! God needs you to help carry on this great work.

St. Paul:

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p.m.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, pastor
9:30, Morning Worship.
10:30, Sunday School.

Today every Methodist is being asked to make his "Week of Dedication" offering all of which will go to the Committee for Overseas Relief (Methodist).

6:45, M. Y. F.

7:30, A Sacred Concert directed by Fred G. Church of Ft. Wayne. There will be no admission charge. A freewill offering will be taken for the group. Everybody is invited to come.

Wednesday: 7:30, Prayer Meet-

8:15, Choir Practice.

Rivarr Circuit
U. B. Circuit
L. A. Middaugh, pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Preaching service.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p.m. Preaching service.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory

9:00 a.m. Sunday school.
10:00 a.m. Class meeting.
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Union Chapel
Evangelical United Brethren Church
L. T. Norris, pastor
Sunday School, T. I. Drew Sup't.

9:30: Worship 10:15
Rev. O. B. Hall will be speaking for the Indiana Anti-Saloon League. We invite all to come and hear this man.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chase will have charge of the special music.

Evening services.

Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst 6:45
Adult C. E. Nile Williamson Pres.
6:45.

Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown

Pres. 6:45.
Worship 7:30.

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St. Luke Reformed Church
H. H. Meckstroth, minister
9:00 Worship Service.
10:00 Sunday School.
1:00 Catechetical Instruction.
6:45 Youth Fellowship. A motion picture, "Man of Faith" will be shown.

Friday 7:00, A Lenten Fellowship Night.

Calvary Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, minister
Sunday school 9:30.
Revival Service 7:00.

Rev. Laurence Norris, of Union Chapel church preaching. Services each evening next week except Saturday, with Rev. Norris preaching.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit
Clifford C. Conn, Minister
Mt. Tabor Church

Mr. Donald Colter, Supt.
9:30 Dr. Hall, of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League will speak. You will want to hear him!

10:30 Church School. The School is a vital part of the Church. Support it with your presence.

Mt. Pleasant
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Service at 10:30.
The pastor plans to be present for both services.

Beulah Chapel
Mr. Donald Shady, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Service in charge of Laymen 10:30.

Pleasant Valley
Mr. Raymond Teeple, Supt.
Church School at 9:30.
Worship Service at 10:30 in charge of Laymen.

Monroe Methodist
A sacred concert, directed by Fred G. Church, prominent Fort Wayne organist, will be presented at the Monroe Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Artists included on the program are Mr. Church, Sally Welch, Harold Mumma, Edgar Sentman, Mrs. Edith Skeetz, Marilyn Baker, John Conner, Richard Bredemeyer, Charles Preble and Darlene Dowdy. There will be no admission charge.

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Pleasant Grove U. B.

Revival services will be held at the Pleasant Grove U. B. church, beginning Sunday and continuing through April 10. The Rev. L. T. Norris, pastor of the Union Chapel Evangelical United Brethren church will be the evangelist. The services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. L. A. Middaugh.

Calvary Church

Revival services at the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church will continue each evening throughout next week. The Rev. Lawrence Norris, pastor of the Union Chapel Evangelical United Brethren church, is the evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chase are providing leadership in music. The public is invited to all the services.

LOCAL TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansel and Miss Helen Mowery left today for Washington, D. C., where they will visit with Bob Hansel for several days.

John Barnett, of near Decatur, was in town today greeting friends in observance of his 88th birthday. Mr. Barnett says he is in good health and good for many more years.

Several Decatur basketball fans will attend the state high school basketball tourney at Indianapolis Saturday.

Frickle Fullenkamp received his usual St. Patrick day bouquets Thursday and they are on display in his store.

Dwight Gallavan, Bluffton attorney, was a business visitor in Decatur today.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

Prosecuting attorney Joe Eichhorn, of Wells county, was a visitor in Decatur today.

The Adams county board of commissioners will award a quarterly contract on April 4 for groceries and tobacco to be used at the county home. The board will purchase an industrial rubber-tired tractor.

Traffic Violations Charged By Police

Robert Christen, Decatur, was arrested by police officers Thursday afternoon and charged with driving 50 miles an hour on Adams street. He will be arraigned in justice of peace court late this afternoon.

Eldon Hadley, 21, Portland, was arrested at 2:30 o'clock this morning by police officers and will face a charge of failure to stop at a preferential street intersection in justice of peace court at a later date. Eugene Foreman, 16, Madison street, Decatur, was arrested by deputy Sheriff Robert Shirlakuk and will face a charge of failure to have an operator's license in justice of peace court this afternoon.

Brownie troop 14 met last night at the Lincoln school. The following officers were elected: president, Jean Troutner; vice-president, Barbara Brunneff; secretary-treasurer, Virginia Conrad; scribe, Dianne Fulton. Dues were also collected and plans made for the girls to sell greeting cards.

Dianne Fulton, scribe

Brownie troop 17 met at the Lincoln school. Roll was called, after which the girls worked on their scrapbooks for the children's home. Later games were played.

Sharron Sheets, scribe

Girl Scout troop 6 met at the high school Wednesday. First aid was postponed until next week. Several of the girls finished their doorsteps, following which the meeting was closed.

Lois Strahm, scribe

Brownie troop 13 met at the fire station Thursday afternoon. Roll was called and dues paid, after which the girls gave the flag pledge and Brownie promise. Work was begun on the Easter favors for the Brownies to present to the patients at the county home on April 7. The meeting was closed with a prayer and the Brownie arch.

Beverly Patrick, scribe.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

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