

HOPEWELL MB CHURCH VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 9:15, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Adult Women, Adult Men, Young Adult, Youth) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text**, **Related Scriptures**, **Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

Lessons may be viewed via facebook and youtube.

April 2022

UNIT I: Instructions To A Troubled Church

All lessons this month continue to focus on selected passages from I and II Corinthians written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth

- **WEEK 1- Concern For A Weaker Brother:** This lesson focuses on showing compassion to other people when exercising liberty in Christ.
- **WEEK 2- Thoughts on the Lord's Supper:** Paul rebukes the Corinthians for gorging themselves at the community meal of the Lord's Supper
- **WEEK 3- Witnesses to Christ's Resurrection (Easter):** This lesson reveals Paul's incredible defense of the gospel and sheds light on the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- WEEK 4- God's Comfort in Trouble: Paul shows that God is the God of comfort

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DATE OF LESSON: April 3, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Concern For A Weaker Brother

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 8:1-13

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 14:1-23; I Corinthians 10:23-33; Galatians

5:1-15

GOLDEN TEXT: "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the

world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (I Corinthians 8:13)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Adult Bible Class book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was the main consideration Paul deals with in this chapter?
- 2. What is the main difference between knowledge and love?
- 3. What is the problem with having knowledge without love?
- 4. What is the greatest blessing of loving God?
- 5. What did Paul understand about idols that the pagans did not?
- 6. What is the main difference between the pagan "gods" and the one true God?
- 7. To whom do we owe our existence?
- 8. Why was eating food offered to idols such a stumbling block for some Christians in Corinth?
- 9. How do other people's weaknesses often show us our own weaknesses?
- 10. What does it sometimes cost us as Christians to help a brother or sister mature in faith?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Be Kind to Everyone (II Timothy 2:24-26)

T- Love One Another (I John 4:7-21)

W- Give To The Needy (Matthew 25:31-46)

Th- Weak and Strong (Romans 14:1-23)

F- Love Your Neighbor (Galatians 5:1-15)

Sa- Seek the Good of Others (I Corinthians 10:23-30)

Su- Knowledge Puffs Up (I Corinthians 8:1-13)

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DATE OF LESSON: April 10, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Thoughts on the Lord's Supper

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 11:20-34

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:17-20;

I Corinthians 10:14-22

GOLDEN TEXT: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's

death till he come " (I Corinthians 11:26)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Young Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What unworthy behaviors were the Corinthians guilty of during their observance of the Lord's Supper?
- 2. From whom did Paul receive his authority concerning communion?
- 3. When was the Lord's Supper instituted?
- 4. What are the elements of the Lord's Supper?
- 5. What does the bread represent?
- 6. What does the cup represent?
- 7. What Old Testament event foreshadowed Christ's saving blood?
- 8. What is the twofold purpose of the Lord's Supper?
- 9. What did Paul primarily mean by his warning against partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily?
- 10. How had some among the Corinthians been punished for their unworthy partaking of the Lord's Supper?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Flee Idolatry (I Corinthians 10:14-22)

T- Mediator of a New Covenant (Hebrews 9:11-28)

W- Reconciled to God (Romans 5:6-11)

Th- Redemption Through Christ's Blood (Ephesians 1:3-14)

F- In Remembrance of Me (Luke 22:17-20)

Sa- The Blood of the Covenant (Mark 14:22-24)

Su- This is My Body (I Corinthians 11:20-34)

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DATE OF LESSON: April 17, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Many People See Jesus Alive Again (Easter)

(Witnesses To Christ's Resurrection)

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 15:1-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 28:1-9; Mark 16:1-13; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-18; Acts 1:3-4;

I Corinthians 15:12-28

GOLDEN TEXT: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;... he was buried, and... he

rose again the third day" (I Corinthians 15:3-4)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Youth Bible Class book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is Easter so special for those who believe in Jesus (v. 3-4)?
- 2. How many people saw Jesus alive? (v. 6)
- 3. What does the word "gospel" mean?
- 4. What was the good news that Paul preached (v. 3-4)?
- 5. Why did Paul say he preached the gospel (v. 11)?
- 6. How many days was Jesus on earth after he came back alive?
- 7. Is Jesus alive today?
- 8. Where does Jesus live today?
- 9. How can we be like Paul?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Mary Magdalene Sees Jesus (John 20:1-18)

T- Two Women See Jesus (Matthew 28:1-9)

W- Mary and Others See Jesus (Mark 16:1-13)

Th- Disciples See Jesus (Luke 24:13-49)

F- Jesus Appears to Many (Acts 1:1-4)

Sa- Christ Is Indeed Risen (I Corinthians 15:12-28)

Su- Risen on the Third Day (I Corinthians 15:1-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: April 24, 2022

LESSON TITLE: God's Comfort in Trouble

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 1:1-11 **RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Peter 4:12-19

GOLDEN TEXT: "(God) comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort

them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are

comforted of God " (I Corinthians 1:4)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Adult Bible Class book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How did Paul end up in the apostolic ministry?
- 2. Who replaced Sosthenes from I Corinthians as Paul's companion (II Corinthians 1:1)?
- 3. What is the overall theme of this week's passage of Scripture?
- 4. Who does Paul say is the source of all comfort?
- 5. How many of our afflictions does God comfort us in?
- 6. What assurance do we have about sharing in Christ's sufferings?
- 7. How can your suffering help another person?
- 8. How severe were Paul's personal sufferings?
- 9. What is one reason why suffering comes to all believers?
- 10. What is the key to perseverance?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Encouraging Like A Father (I Thessalonians 2:10-12)

T- Encouragement From God Our Father (II Thessalonians 2:13-17)

W- The Comforting Shepherd (Psalms 23:1-4)

Th- Comfort In God's Word (Psalms 119:76-82)

F- Year of the Lord's Favor (Isaiah 61:1-7)

Sa- The Sufferings of Christ (I Peter 4:12-19)

Su- The God of All Comfort (II Corinthians 1:1-11)