



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 @ 9:00, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service (except for 1st Sundays). 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.

July 2022

UNIT II: Faithful to Prophecy

All lessons this month will focus on the ministries of God's faithful prophets. We will examine difficult messages of repentance and rebuke that Haggai and Micah were commanded to deliver to God's people along with messages of hope delivered by Habakkuk and Ezekiel. The final lesson for this month will focus on healing.

WEEK 1- Haggai Calls for Faithful Service: This lesson focuses on God's call through the prophet Haggai to motivate God's people to act upon what God has called them to do

WEEK 2- Micah Stands Firm for God: Serving the Lord faithfully means resting in His sovereign plan, even if it is not the same as your plan

WEEK 3- Habakkuk Praises God's Faithfulness: Habakkuk shows us how to rejoice in the midst of our suffering

WEEK 4- Ezekiel Brings Hope to Israel: This lesson Shows that no situation is hopeless when God chooses to infuse it with new life

WEEK 5- Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant: This lesson reminds us of the importance of faith when we pray for healing and helps us to have a clearer concept of how to pray for sick people

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DATE OF LESSON: July 3, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Haggai Calls For Faithful Service

LESSON TEXT: Haggai 1:1-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Leviticus 26:14-45; Deuteronomy 28:15-51; Romans 8:28-39

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?”* (Haggai 1:3-4)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At what point in Judah’s history did Haggai minister?
2. The temple was left in incomplete condition. Why did the people of Judah say this was OK?
3. What did Haggai say they were viewing as their first priority instead of rebuilding the temple?
4. What phrase did Haggai use several times in challenging the people to rethink priorities?
5. What circumstances showed that God was not blessing them?
6. How did God compare their lack to a money bag?
7. What did God specifically tell them to do about their situation?
8. How did God explain the chastening they were getting from Him?
9. What emphatic contrast explained their wrongdoing?
10. What specific things had God done to get their attention?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- That You May Live (Deuteronomy 5:28-33)

T- Walk In God’s Commands (II John 1:4-6)

W- Peace In The Land (Leviticus 26:1-12)

Th- Blessings For Obedience (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

F- Curses For Disobedience (Deuteronomy 28:15-51)

Sa- Punishment for Disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-45)

Su- Time to Rebuild (Haggai 1:1-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 10, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Micah Stands Firm for God

LESSON TEXT: Micah 2:4-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Amos 7:10-17; II Chronicles 28:8-15; James 5:1-9; II Peter 3:1-10

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for ever”*
(Psalm 37:18)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to lament?
2. What was the message of the doleful laments spoken by Israel’s enemies?
3. Who would eventually make the decisions concerning the land?
4. What did Israel mean when they said, “Prophesy ye not” (Micah 2:6)?
5. What type of prophetic messages did the people want to hear?
6. What is conveyed by the word “straitened” (v. 7)?
7. Why did God see Israel as an enemy (v. 8)?
8. Who were being cast out of their pleasant homes?
9. What should be our response to false prophets?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Judgement on Israel (Amos 2:6-16)

T- Israel’s Sins (II Kings 17:6-18)

W- Israel Sins Against Judah (II Chronicles 28:8-15)

Th-Micah’s Example Saves Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:16-19)

F- God Acts In His Time (Isaiah 42:10-17)

Sa- Who Is Like God? (Micah 7:18-20)

Su- God’s Word Rejected (Micah 2:4-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 17, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Habakkuk Praises God's Faithfulness

LESSON TEXT: Habakkuk 2:1-5; 3:17-19

RELATED SCRIPTURES: II Kings 22:14-20; Psalm 36:1-12; Galatians 3:10-14; Hebrews 12:4-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation"*

(Habakkuk 3:18)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Habakkuk find fault with the way God was dealing with the people of Judah and Jerusalem?
2. What does the clause "when I am reprov'd" imply (Habakkuk 2:1)?
3. God answered Habakkuk in a vision. What was the prophet told to do?
4. Why did Habakkuk need patience?
5. How did the Apostle Paul use verse 4?
6. What was Habakkuk doing in chapter 3?
7. According to verses 17-19, what lesson had Habakkuk learned?
8. What affirmation did Habakkuk make in verse 19?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Punishment Will Come (II Kings 23:24-27)

T- God's Promised Judgement Falls (II Kings 23:36-24:5)

W- God's Discipline (Proverbs 3:11-12)

Th- God Gives What Is Good (Psalm 85:1-13)

F- The Lord's Timing (II Peter 3:1-10)

Sa- The Punishment of the Chaldeans (Habakkuk 2:6-20)

Su- The Righteous Live By Faith (Habakkuk 2:1-5; 3:17-19)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 24, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Ezekiel Brings Hope to Israel

LESSON TEXT: Ezekiel 37:1-14

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 26:12-19; 49:13-26; Hosea 14:1-9

GOLDEN TEXT: *“And {I} shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord”* (Ezekiel 37:14)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How was Ezekiel carried to the valley? What do you think this experience involved?
2. What did Ezekiel find in the valley?
3. By what title is Ezekiel frequently addressed in the book of Ezekiel?
4. Once in the valley, what was the prophet told to do?
5. What is the significance of the words, “wind,” “breath”, and “spirit”?
6. What happened once Ezekiel began to preach?
7. What did the bones in the valley represent?
8. How did the captives feel about their plight in Babylon?
9. How might the promise to open the graves of Israel be fulfilled?
10. What promise is made concerning the Spirit?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Solomon’s Supplication (I Kings 8:46-51)

T- Job’s Redeemer Lives (Job 19:13-27)

W- Never-Ending Steadfast Love (Lamentations 3:19-33)

Th- Return to God (Hosea 5:15-6:3)

F- A New Heart Promised (Ezekiel 11:14-21)

Sa- Israel and Judah United (Ezekiel 36:22-38)

Su- Vision of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 31, 2022

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

LESSON TEXT: Luke 7:1-10

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 8:5-13; Acts 10:23-29, 34-35; Mark 7:24-30; Luke 17:11-19

GOLDEN TEXT: *"When Jesus heard these things, He . . . said unto the people that followed Him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel"* (Luke 7:9)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In which city was Jesus when He received a special and unusual request for healing?
2. What was unique about the centurion's attitude toward his servant?
3. Who brought the centurion's request to Jesus?
4. What explanation did the Jewish leaders give for wanting Jesus to respond to the request?
5. What was Luke seeming to emphasize more than the miracle?
6. What message came to Jesus as He was nearing the centurion's home, and who brought it to Him?
7. Why did the centurion not feel worthy to have Jesus come to his home?
8. What did the man's description of authority reveal about his understanding of Jesus?
9. What was Jesus' response?
10. What should the centurion's example challenge us to do?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Peter Sent to a Gentile (Acts 10:23-29, 34-35)

T- Mission to the Gentiles (Acts 26:12-23)

Th- Healing Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

F- Faith Justifies Gentiles (Galatians 3:7-14)

Sa- The Centurion's Faith (Matthew 8:5-13)

Su- Jesus Honors Faith in Him (Luke 7:1-10)