



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**June 2022**

**UNIT I: Faithful to Serve**

**All lessons this month will focus on some of God's faithful servants. We will learn or rediscover those godly men and women who used their God-given gifts and talents to glorify God.**

**WEEK 1- Samuel's Call and Ministry:** This lesson focuses on Samuel who was dedicated to God as a young child

**WEEK 2- Isaiah's Commission:** Isaiah's transforming vision allowed him to minister to a wicked generation

**WEEK 3- Asaph's Lament:** Asaph remained faithful to God even though he saw the wicked prospering

**WEEK 4- The Service of Godly Leaders:** This lesson highlights godly leaders who were used to unite God's people in finishing the building of the temple.

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**DATE OF LESSON:** June 5, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Samuel's Call and Ministry

**LESSON TEXT:** I Samuel 3:1-9, 19-20; :3-5, 10,12

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** I Samuel 1:1-28; Judges 2:16-23

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"The Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. The Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth"* (I Samuel 3:10)

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

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where did young Samuel live? Under whom did he serve?
2. What were spiritual conditions like during Samuel's childhood?
3. What was Samuel doing when the Lord first spoke to him?
4. What qualities prepared Samuel to receive God's call?
5. How did God's first message to Samuel test his courage and faithfulness?
6. How did Israel know that Samuel was a true prophet of God?
7. What troubles gave Samuel the opportunity to call Israel to repentance?
8. How were the people to indicate their sincere return to God?
9. How did the Lord honor Israel's repentance at Mizpah?
10. What did the stone called Ebenezer commemorate?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Eli and His Sons Are Rejected (I Samuel 2:22-24, 27-36)

T- Use God's Gifts (I Peter 4:7-11)

W- Called to Sacrifice (Judges 2:16-23)

Th- Follow Me (Matthew 4:18-22)

F- The Birth of Samuel (I Samuel 1:1-20)

Sa- The Dedication of Samuel (I Samuel 1:21-28)

Su- Samuel Listens to the Lord (I Samuel 3:1-9, 19-20; 7:3-5, 10, 12)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** June 12 , 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Isaiah's Commission

**LESSON TEXT:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 33:12-20; Psalm 89:1-8; Matthew 17:1-7; Revelation 1:12-20

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory"* (Isaiah 6:3)

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

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Isaiah trust the political leaders of his day?
2. How did seeing God on His throne change Isaiah's political focus?
3. How did the angels display their reverence toward God?
4. How do we know that God's glory was not confined to worshipping Him in the temple?
5. Why was Isaiah a spiritual leper?
6. What in Isaiah's inner character made him sin with his lips?
7. Why did God use the symbol of a live coal on the lips as a picture of cleansing from sin?
8. Why was it important for Isaiah to be cleansed before God called him to a place of divine service?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Be Holy! (I Peter 1:13-16)

T- God Has No Equal (Isaiah 40:12-26)

W- Jesus Our Perfect High Priest (Hebrew 7:22-28)

Th-A Vision of Christ in Glory (Revelation 1:12-20)

F- Jesus Transfigured (Matthew 17:1-7)

Sa- Who Is Like God? (Psalm 89:1-8)

Su- Isaiah's Vision of the Lord (Isaiah 6:1-8)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** June 19, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** Asaph's Lament

**LESSON TEXT:** Psalm 73:1-3, 12-13, 16-18, 21-26

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Job 21:1-34; Psalm 16:1-11; 24:1-10; 84:1-12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever"* (Psalm 73:26)

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

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does this psalm begin with a statement of the goodness of God?
2. Why did the psalmist limit God's goodness to those who are righteous?
3. Why did Asaph envy those who were wicked?
4. Why did he think it was unfair of God to let them prosper?
5. What made the psalmist wonder whether it was worth it to live for God?
6. What changed Asaph's mind about envying the wicked?
7. Why did the psalmist describe himself as a "beast" (Psalm 73:22)?
8. What did Asaph possess that the wicked would never own?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Wicked Prosper (Job 21:1-16)

T- The Wicked Will Be Judged (Job 21:17-34)

W- The Lord Is My Portion (Psalm 119:57-64)

Th- The King of Glory (Psalm 24:1-10)

F- The Rock of My Salvation (Psalm 18:1-3, 46-50)

Sa- God's Love Is Steadfast (Psalm 5:1-12)

Su- The Strength of My Heart (Psalm 73:1-3, 12-13, 16-18, 21-26)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** June 26, 2022

**LESSON TITLE:** The Service of Godly Leaders

**LESSON TEXT:** Ezra 6:13-22

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 12:1-28; I Chronicles 23:1-27; 28:11-19; Leviticus 8:6-13

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel”* (Ezra 6:14)

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

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What two obstacles stopped the returned exiles from finishing the temple right away?
2. What encouragements did the Jews have to finish the building?
3. Why was Artaxerxes included among the kings who gave support to the Jews in their building?
4. Which temple stood longer- Solomon’s or the second one?
5. Who had been authorized to build the temple? Who were excluded?
6. How did the offerings at this dedication compare with Solomon’s?
7. How do we know this temple was intended for all twelve tribes?
8. Why were these Jews careful to do all that was in Moses’ Law?
9. What roles did the priests and Levites play in the Passover?
10. Besides the exiles, who joined in the observance of the Passover?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Isaiah Foretells Cyrus’ Decree (Isaiah 44:24-45:1)

T- Assignments of the Priests (I Chronicles 23:1-27)

W- Dedication of the Priests (Leviticus 8:6-13)

Th- Instructions For The Temple (I Chronicles 28:11-19)

F- God Initiates the Passover (Exodus 12:1-16)

Sa- God Establishes the Passover Memorial (Exodus 12:17-28)

Su- Godly Leaders Serve (Ezra 6:13-22)