



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 lesson will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, 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.

This 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 will no longer be live streamed; however, you are welcome to join us in person.

May 2023

UNIT III: By His Teachings

All lessons this month will continue the teachings of Jesus

WEEK 1-The Good Shepherd: This lesson will help us to establish a better relationship with Jesus by showing that He is our Good Shepherd who watches over and protects us

WEEK 2- The Resurrection and the Life: This lesson will show how we can experience the resurrection and the life to come with Jesus when we believe in Him

WEEK 3- The True Vine: This lesson exhorts Christians to cultivate the kind of relationship with Christ that helps them to bear fruit in their lives

WEEK 4- Jesus Prays for Believers: This lesson reveals the heart of Jesus as He prays first for His disciples and then for future believers

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DATE OF LESSON: May 7, 2023

LESSON TITLE: The Good Shepherd

LESSON TEXT: John 10:7-18

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Psalm 23:1-6; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ezekiel 34:10-25; I Peter 5:1-4

GOLDEN TEXT: *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"*
(John 10:11)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What factor made it possible for a shepherd to always lead his own sheep out every morning?
2. What did Jesus mean when He referred to Himself as the Door (John 10:7)?
3. Who were the "thieves" (v. 8) of Jesus' day, and what were they doing to harm the people?
4. How does the sheepfold picture our salvation?
5. What was the difference between a shepherd and a hireling?
6. What do we know about Jesus as our personal shepherd?
7. How did Jesus illustrate the relationship He has with His sheep?
8. Who are the "other sheep" (v. 16)?
9. What important truth did Jesus communicate about His death?
10. What did Jesus do that no one else can ever do after death?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1-6)

T- The Lord's Flock (Ezekiel 34:10-25)

W- Peter Commissioned to Shepherd (John 21:15-17)

Th- Shepherd the Flock (I Peter 5:1-4)

F- He Will Feed His Flock (Isaiah 40:9-14)

Sa- Perfect In Every Good Work (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Su- The Door to Eternal Life (John 10:7-18)

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DATE OF LESSON: May 14, 2023

LESSON TITLE: The Resurrection and the Life

LESSON TEXT: John 11:17-27

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Daniel 12:1-3; John 11:1-16, 28-45; I Corinthians 15:20-26;
Philippians 3:7-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"* (John 11:25)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was it significant that Lazarus' body had been in the tomb four days?
2. From where did people come in order to comfort Lazarus' sisters?
3. Who went to meet Jesus, and how did she express her disappointment?
4. What prevented her from believing that Jesus could heal her brother from a distance?
5. What did Jesus want to accomplish through the declaration He made?
6. What miracle would Jesus do to confirm His declaration?
7. What question did Jesus ask Martha?
8. How did Martha respond to Jesus' question?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Death of Lazarus (John 11:1-16)

T- Lazarus Raised to Life (John 11:28-45)

W- Awakening to Life or to Shame (Daniel 12:1-3)

Th- The Resurrection of the Dead (I Corinthians 15:20-26)

F- The Power of His Resurrection (Philippians 3:7-14)

Sa- The Resurrection of the Just and the Unjust (Acts 24:10-21)

Su- Those In Christ Will Never Die (John 11:17-27)

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DATE OF LESSON: May 21, 2023

LESSON TITLE: The True Vine

LESSON TEXT: John 15:1-17

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 5:1-7; Isaiah 27:2-6; Colossians 2:6-10; I John 2:24-29

GOLDEN TEXT: *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing"* (John 15:5)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the motivation for believers being fruitful for Christ?
2. What is the result of one remaining in living union with Christ?
3. What proves a disciple is remaining in the love of Christ?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Parable of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7)

T- The Lord's Vineyard (Isaiah 27:2-6)

W- Rooted In Christ (Colossians 2:6-10)

Th- A Fruitless Vine (Ezekiel 15:1-8)

F- IA Vine Out of Egypt (Psalm 80:8-19)

Sa- My Servant the Branch (Zechariah 3:6-10)

Su- Abide In Me (John 15:1-17)

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DATE OF LESSON: May 28, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Prays for Believers

LESSON TEXT: John 17:6-21

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Luke 22:31-32; John 17:22-24; Hebrews 7:24-27

GOLDEN TEXT: *"I pray that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me"* (John 17:21)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the setting of Jesus' prayer in John 17?
2. How had Jesus manifested God's name to His disciples (v. 6)?
3. What did Jesus affirm about the disciples' spiritual understanding?
4. From what did Jesus ask the Father to keep His disciples?
5. What kind of unity did Jesus want for His disciples?
6. Why would the world hate the disciples after Jesus' departure?
7. What did Jesus say in light of that?
8. What did Jesus mean when He asked the Father to sanctify the disciples (v. 17)?
9. How is personal sanctification accomplished?
10. What did Jesus pray in regard to us?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Our High Priest and Intercessor (Hebrews 7:24-27)

T- Jesus Prays for our Oneness with God (John 17:22-26)

W- The Lord Prays for Peter's Faith (Luke 22:24-34)

Th- Believe and Confess Jesus Is Lord (Romans 10:5-17)

F- The Lord's Favor (Isaiah 61:1-11)

Sa- Ask in Confidence (I John 3:19-24)

Su- Prayer for Protection (John 17:6-21)