



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 @ 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.

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 will no longer be live streamed, however, we invite you to join us for in-person study.

July 2023

UNIT II: Responding to God's Kingdom

All lessons this month will focus on how believers are to respond to God's Kingdom

WEEK 1-Praying to God: This lesson focuses on the model prayer prayed by Jesus Christ in order to help us to understand the importance of regular prayer.

WEEK 2- Accept God's Invitation!: This lesson focuses on the obligation for believers to do everything they can to bring others to Jesus

WEEK 3- A Warning for the Hard-Hearted: This lesson shares key details that demonstrates what happens after death as a result of how we live our lives and what we believe

WEEK 4- Separating the Sheep and the Goats: This lesson shows how Christians are accountable to God for how we treat fellow believers who are in need

WEEK 5- Ears to Hear: This lesson shows that truly listening to God involves a willing heart

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DATE OF LESSON: July 2, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Praying to God

LESSON TEXT: Luke 11:1-13

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 16:15-22; Matthew 6:5-15; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27;
I John 1:5-10

GOLDEN TEXT: *“When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth”* (Luke 11:2)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did the disciple want Jesus to teach them all how to pray?
2. What is suggested by addressing God as “our Father” (Luke 11:2)?
3. What does “hallowed” mean? How do we hallow God’s name?
4. What request in Jesus’ model prayer precedes all others?
5. What should motivate us to pray for Christ’s imminent return?
6. In what way is God’s forgiveness of us tied to our forgiveness of others?
7. What is meant by the plea to “lead us not into temptation” (v. 4)?
8. What point was Jesus’ parable teaching?
9. What promise is given to one who is persistent in prayer?
10. How did Jesus understand God’s willingness to answer prayer?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Song of Praise (I Chronicles 16:23-34)

T- Extolling the Lord (Psalm 145:1-21)

W- Daily Bread for Israel (Exodus 16:15-22)

Th- Seeking the Face of the Lord (Psalm 27:7-14)

F- All are Unrighteous (Romans 3:10-20)

Sa- Honest Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

Su- Teach Us To Pray (Luke 11:1-13)

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We will not have in-person class today. Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

DATE OF LESSON: July 9, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Accept God's Invitation!

LESSON TEXT: Luke 14:7-11, 15-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Proverbs 25:6-7; Matthew 21:42-44; Matthew 22:1-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to in, that my house may be filled"* (Luke 14:23)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus' parable about the seating arrangements at a wedding banquet teach us about humility? What is the principle that the parable illustrates?
2. When the master sent out his servant to call the guests to come to the banquet, how did the invitees respond?
3. What did the invitees' refusals say to the master? How did he respond to their refusals?
4. Why do you think the master invited people who were poor or sick?
5. What is the meaning of "compel" in Luke 14:23?
6. How do you think Jesus would evaluate some of our social customs (Luke 14:8-11)?
7. How can we consciously develop a humble attitude without appearing to be self-righteous (v. 10-11)?
8. How can people who are mistaken be so sure of their acceptance by God (v. 15)?
9. Why do people feel the need to offer excuses for rejecting Christ (v. 18-20)?
10. What is the Christian's responsibility in bringing people to Christ (Luke 14:23; Luke 24:46-47; John 6:44)?
11. What aspects of God's character are revealed by the statements of the master in Luke 14:23-24?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Unprepared for the Kingdom (Matthew 22:1-14)

T- The Stone Rejected (Matthew 21:42-44)

W- Gospel Scorned by the Jews (Acts 13:44-52)

Th- A Place of Honor (Proverbs 25:6-7)

F- The Proud Will Be Humbled (Isaiah 2:10-12)

Sa- Hospitality to the Poor (Luke 14:12-14)

Su- Two Critical Warnings (Luke 14:7-11, 15-24)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 16, 2023

LESSON TITLE: A Warning for the Hard-Hearted

LESSON TEXT: Luke 16:19-31

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 6:19-20; Hebrews 3:7-19; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:5-8

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented ”* (Luke 16:25)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were the basic realities for the rich man and Lazarus in life?
2. How do we know that our physical condition in this life does not determine our destiny?
3. What do we learn about heaven from this story?
4. What do we learn about hell from this story?
5. Why did the rich man want to have Lazarus sent to him?
6. What prevented the rich man and Lazarus from traveling?
7. Why did the rich man not want the company of his brothers?
8. How do we know the dead cannot communicate with the living?
9. What witness concerning the afterlife should the rich man and his brothers have believed?
10. Why did the rich man go to hell while Lazarus went to heaven?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- What Does Your Heart Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21)

T- Give to the Poor (Luke 12:32-34)

W- Heavenly Treasure (Mark 10:17-22)

Th- Judgment of the Dead (Revelation 20:11-15)

F- The Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:5-8)

Sa- Unbelieving Hearts (Hebrews 3:7-19)

Su- The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 23, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Separating the Sheep and the Goats

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 25:31-46

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Daniel 7:9-14; Matthew 16:24-28; I John 4:7-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *“And those shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal”* (Matthew 25:46)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When will the event that Jesus speaks of in Matthew 25:31 take place?
2. How did Jesus refer to the two groups of people?
3. Which group will be invited to enter the kingdom?
4. What is the significance of the right-hand side in Scripture?
5. What does Jesus say they did to qualify them for this invitation?
6. Why are they surprised and confused by Jesus’ statement?
7. What practical lesson should we learn from this?
8. What is Jesus’ message for the ones at His left side?
9. How does Jesus explain this decision?
10. What are the two eternal destinies, and what determines one’s destiny?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Authority Given to the Son of Man (Daniel 7:9-14)

T- A Coming Judgment (Matthew 16:24-28)

W- Judging the World in Righteousness (Psalm 9:1-10)

Th- Evidence of Faith (James 2:14-20)

F- Pure Religion (James 1:22-27)

Sa- God Judges Rightly (II Thessalonians 1:3-10)

Su- Judgement of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 30, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Ears to Hear

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 13:9-17

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 13:18-23; I Corinthians 2:6-16

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear”* (Matthew 13:9)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What type of people among those listening to Jesus could not comprehend what He was saying?
2. What question did the disciples ask Jesus, and why?
3. At what point in His ministry did Jesus begin to use parables more extensively?
4. What were the first two reasons Jesus gave for using parables?
5. What does the phrase “to them it is not given” mean (Matthew 13:11)?
6. What happens in the hearts of people today when they reject the truth after they hear it?
7. How can people see but not see?
8. Who did Jesus quote, and what was the context of that quote?
9. How did that Old Testament passage apply in Jesus’ day?
10. How were the disciples blessed in a particularly wonderful way ?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Listen to My Instruction (Psalm 78:1-8)

T- Receiving God’s Word (Matthew 13:18-23)

W- Hearing Without Understanding (Isaiah 6:8-12)

Th- Revealed Mystery of Christ (Romans 16:25-27)

F- Taught By the Spirit (I Corinthians 2:6-16)

Sa- Imperishable Seed (I Peter 1:22-25)

Su- Hearing God’s Word (Matthew 13:9-17)