



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**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

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.

October 2023

UNIT II: Disobedience and Failure

All lessons this month will focus on what happens when God's commands are disobeyed

WEEK 1-God Confirms Gideon's Mission: This lesson reminds believers that God is in control of our situations and therefore we must trust Him

WEEK 2- The Sin of Achan: This lesson reminds us of the consequences of disobeying God and the way to restore a right relationship with Him

WEEK 3- A Backsliding People: This lesson demonstrates how God sends the right people to turn us back to Him

WEEK 4- Israel Rejects God as King: This lesson encourages believers to yield to God's Will instead of following their own

WEEK 5- Joshua's Final Exhortation: This lesson warns believers against following false gods who seek to lure them away from the one true God

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DATE OF LESSON: October 1, 2023

LESSON TITLE: God Confirms Gideon's Mission

LESSON TEXT: Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 41:25-36; Exodus 32:2-4; Deuteronomy 8:11-20; Judges 7:5-12

GOLDEN TEXT: *"When Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, . . . he worshipped, and returned unto the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian"* (Judges 7:15)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did God decide to accomplish the delivery under Gideon in such an unusual way?
2. What was the first test God used to reduce the number of Gideon's army?
3. What follow-up test did God have Gideon do to further reduce the size of his army?
4. What did God tell Gideon to do in order to give him one more word of assurance?
5. What did Gideon hear when he went to the Midianite camp?
6. What did Gideon understand the dream and interpretation to mean?
7. How do we see the sovereignty of God in this situation?
8. What was Gideon's initial response after getting this message of reassurance from God?
9. What request from the Israelites did Gideon refuse?
10. What did Gideon do that brought harm to himself and Israel?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Midianite Oppression (Judges 6:1-6)

T- The Lord's Rebuke (Judges 6:7-10)

W- Double Confirmation (Judges 6:36-40)

Th- Gideon's Army Reduced (Judges 7:5-12)

F-Gideon's Army Attacks (Judges 7:19-23)

Sa- The Kings of Midian (Judges 8:10-12, 18-21)

Su- Victory for Gideon (Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25)

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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: October 8, 2023

LESSON TITLE: The Sin of Achan

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 7:1, 10-12, 20-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 7:23-26; Joshua 7:13-19; I Samuel 15:1-31; I Timothy 6:6-10

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done”* (Joshua 7:20)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What had happened following the fall of Jericho that Joshua was not aware of?
2. What was God’s reaction to this?
3. How did God respond to Joshua’s plea as he was lying on his face before the Lord?
4. What was tragically different about Israel because of what occurred during Jericho’s fall?
5. How was God using a consistent standard in punishing Israel’s sins?
6. What did Achan tell Joshua after he was revealed as the cause of the problem?
7. What were the three steps Achan took in committing his sin?
8. How did Joshua confirm that what Achan told him was true?
9. What punishment did God prescribe for Achan, and who was involved in carrying it out?
10. What were the two results of Israel’s punishment of Achan?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Warning From God (Deuteronomy 7:23-26)

T- Devoted to the Lord or Destruction (Leviticus 27:28-29)

W- True Riches (Proverbs 13:7; 15:16; 16:8; 30:8)

Th- Snare of Covetousness (I timothy 6:6-10)

F- Steps Toward Sin (Genesis 3:1-7)

Sa- The Sinner Revealed (Joshua 7:13-19)

Su-Sin Rooted Out (Joshua 7:1, 10-12, 20-26)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 15, 2023

LESSON TITLE: A Backsliding People

LESSON TEXT: Judges 2:16-23

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 9:1-8; Judges 3:1-7; Psalm 106:34-48

GOLDEN TEXT: *"The Lord raised up Judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them "* (Judges 2:16)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what surprising way did God use the pagan nations in Canaan?
2. Why did the Lord occasionally raise up judges in Israel?
3. How did judges differ from kings?
4. What sins characterized Israel during the period of the judges?
5. Since God is unchanging, what does Judges 2:18 mean when it says that God repented?
6. How did the Israelites react to the various deliverance from their enemies?
7. What emotion did the waywardness of the Israelites create in the Lord?
8. What did Israel suffer as a result of not driving all the pagan people out of Canaan?
9. How did God display the true state of Israel's character?
10. Under whose leadership did Israel eventually gain full control of its borders and expand them?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- A Prior Warning (Deuteronomy 12:1-9)

T- Israel's Sin (Psalm 106:34-39)

W- God's Anger (Psalm 106:40-43)

Th- God's Mercy (Psalm 106:44-48)

F- Testing Israel (Judges 3:1-7)

Sa- Saved From God's Wrath (Romans 5:6-10)

Su- A Downward Spiral (Judges 2:16-23)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 22, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Israel Rejects God as King

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 9:1-2; 10:17-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES: I Samuel 8:6-22; 16:1-13; I Kings 1:32-40; Luke 4:17-32

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us”*
(I Samuel 10:19)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. From what kind of family and tribal background did Saul come?
2. What appeal did Saul have to those who wanted a king?
3. What happened between Saul and Samuel before the national convocation at Mizpeh?
4. Why did Samuel rebuke Israel before they chose their king?
5. Was monarchy wrong for Israel? Explain
6. What method was used in identifying Israel’s king?
7. What is a possible explanation for why Saul his himself among the baggage at Mizpeh?
8. How did Samuel and the Israelites express their approval of Saul as king?
9. What did Samuel discuss with the people after Saul was chosen?
10. Where did Saul go after his recognition? Who went with him?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- The Burdens of a Human King (I Samuel 8:9-18)

T- A King to Lead Us! (I Samuel 8:19-22)

W- Saul the Benjamite (I Samuel 9:15-21)

Th- Three Signs to Prove God’s Word (I Samuel 10:1-8)

F- God’s Word Confirmed (I Samuel 10:9-16)

Sa- Samuel Instructs Israel (I Samuel 12:19-25)

Su- God Save the King! (I Samuel 9:1-2; 10:17-26)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 29, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Joshua's Final Exhortation

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 24:1, 14-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 19:7-8; Joshua 8:30-35; 24:2-13; Luke 14:25-35

GOLDEN TEXT: *"If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; , , but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord "* (Joshua 24:15)

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what representative way did Joshua summon all the tribes of Israel to Shechem?
2. How do we know the assembly was both political and sacred?
3. What three things did Joshua ask Israel to do (Joshua 24:14)?
4. What did Joshua mean by "the other side of the flood"?
5. What were three sources of the idols retained by the Israelites?
6. What did Joshua declare regarding himself and his household?
7. Were the Israelites grateful for God's care for them?
8. How did Joshua respond when the leaders first declared that they would serve the Lord?
9. Why might God turn and hurt Israel after He had helped them?
10. What two things did Joshua urge the repentant Israelites to do?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- A Commitment Made (Exodus 19:3-9)

T- Fear The Lord (Deuteronomy 10:12-15)

W- Counting the Cost (Luke 14:25-35)

Th- A Heart For God's Will (Psalm 119:33-40)

F- Straight Talk About God (Joshua 23:14-16)

Sa- A Faithful God (Joshua 24:2-7)

Su- Joshua's Last Words (Joshua 24:1, 14-24)