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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy"

July 2018

The study this quarter focuses on justice as presented in the New Testament. Justice is portrayed as a primary characteristic of God's nature. Human beings are called to emulate God's justice toward one another.

Unit II, "Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy," has five lessons that explore Jesus' teachings on God's justice in Matthew and Luke. Included is Jesus' demand for leaders to practice justice as well as to understand the universality of God's justice and mercy.

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We encounter leaders who expect people to do one thing while they do something else. Is there a fair response to such an expectation? Jesus challenges unjust leaders to change or experience destruction.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explain the difference between just and unjust actions.
- ✓ To fear becoming like the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees.
- ✓ To become a just leader.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Look at the video strip <http://www.wingclips.com/themes/hypocrisy> and reflect upon ways it relates to the scripture for this week.
- List ways to deal with hypocrites in the church who only see faults in others and refuse to see their own.
- Read and research Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47; and Luke 11:37-54. Note any insights that these parallel passages add to the subject

We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education. The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

