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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Calling of Prophets"

July 2017



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.

During the Summer quarter we are exploring "The Call." The lessons focus on God calling individuals to do certain work or to take on certain vocations. The quarter is entitled **Faith in Action: Healing and Heeding The Call**. During this quarter we discover that the calling God gives each person is distinct, however, God's calling of individuals into service has a recognizable pattern that reveals much about the nature of that call. This quarter we see God's call as intrusion into our lives. Unit Two is entitled "Calling Of Prophets."

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July 23, 2017 "Ezekiel's Call" Ezekiel 3:1-11

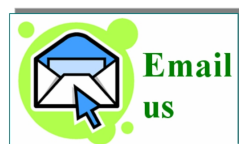
Discouragement and doubt can be hindrances to what we hope to achieve. What concrete action can help us get beyond our fears? Ezekiel's call involved eating a scroll that sweetened the bitter taste of his mission and receiving from God extra strength and protection for the challenges that lay ahead.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore God's call of Ezekiel in terms of Ezekiel's eating of a scroll.
- ✓ To relate Ezekiel's experience with people who do not want to listen to their own experiences.
- ✓ To identify ways to be "harder than flint" in obeying God's call in a hostile context.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Make a commitment to continue "talking the talk" and "walking the walk" as a Christian even when people rebuff your words and deeds.
- Consider the strategies you use to witness to God's truth. Do you come across as a know-it-all? Do you try to insist on your way of God's Word? Are you willing to do humble deeds that truly help others? Try to identify any areas of your witness (not just how you talk but what you do) that may turn people away from Christ—and then make necessary changes.
- Try to say and enact God's Word in a win-some way in your workplace. How do people respond?



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