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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Fullness of Faith" May 2016



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.

The Spring Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "The Gift of Faith." These lessons focus on the theme of faith as it is seen in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. Unit three is entitled "Fullness of Faith."

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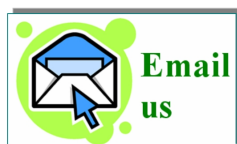
The faithful wonder whether their words, which are sometimes uttered out of desperation, will make a difference. Is there an attitude or position that can assure them that their words are heard? Jesus taught that effective words of prayer are infused with power when uttered with humility of spirit rather than out of self-righteousness.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To hear what the Pharisee said that was so wrong and what the tax collector said that was right.
- ✓ To appreciate the difference between self-righteous platitudes and true gratitude for God's mercy and grace.
- ✓ To inspect, and if necessary to correct, the motivation for their own piety.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Be aware of people who act with humility. Sometimes those who do brave deeds where others hail as heroes do not see themselves in that light. What separates these people from so many others who do all they can to be recognized and praised?
- Research the Pharisees. Although they are often portrayed negatively in the Scriptures, they have many admirable qualities that made them worthy opponents of Jesus.
- Pray daily for God's grace and mercy to abound in your life.



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