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Sunday School Lessons Unit One "Call to Discipleship" March 2019

This quarter surveys several calls to ministry and the expectations of those called. Calls to service, as recorded in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, are highlighted. We explore Paul's call to ministry, with special attention to the Roman Church. On Easter Sunday, we examine Matthew's account of the Resurrection.

Unit I, "Call to Discipleship," has four sessions and highlights several aspects of what it means to be called by Jesus as a disciple. They include hospitality, counting the cost, reaching the lost, and salvation for all people.

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Unifying Principle

In our world it is easy for people to lose their way. What is our responsibility to those who go astray? Jesus taught that those who are lost are loved by God and are to be valued, searched for, and welcomed back when they return.



Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To identify who in contemporary life might be illustrated by the characters in the parable.
- ✓ To sense God's grief over God's lost children as the father grieved over the lost son before the son's return.
- ✓ To suggest a culturally appropriate means by which new converts can be rejoiced over as the father rejoiced over the returning son.

Challenges for the Week

- Note the emotional drama of the characters and their interactions with each other. Who do you identify with in the story?
- What experience have you had of confession, return, sinner welcomed, and jealousy related to generosity shown to an undeserving person?
- Why was this parable important to Jesus? What does it teach us about God and what God calls us to do?

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.

