



The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Department of Christian Education

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Sunday School Lessons Unit One "Seeds of New Growth" September 2015



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 Fall Quarter (*September-October-November*) we will explore the formation and growth of the Christian community as Luke tells the story of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The first unit is entitled **Seeds of New Growth**.

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Sometimes people are so dedicated in a cause that they will go to my lengths, even enduring pain and suffering, to achieve their goals. What is the source of their commitment? As the apostles continued to teach about Jesus as the Messiah and to help many people become believers, they knew, even though the authorities tried to stop them, that they were obeying God's calling rather than any human authority.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To study the apostles' proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah, despite being ordered not to do so by the Sanhedrin
- ✓ To compare their commitments to witnessing to that of the apostles
- ✓ To identify and overcome barriers to evangelism efforts within and beyond the church community

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Look at the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Write another verse to this hymn using ideas from today's Bible passage to urge people to be bold witnesses for Christ. Sing or say this verse each day this week.
- Write a note to a missionary identified in the "Gather to Learn" portion to remain bold and faithful while witnessing for Christ.
- Read about Christian witnesses who were persecuted for their faith. What traits and commitments do these people exhibit? Which of these traits and commitments do you share?



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