



The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Department of Christian Education

MAKING DISCIPLES through "events that FORM and TRANSFORM"



Sunday School Lessons Unit Three

"Paul Teaches about
New Life in Christ"

August 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 5, 2018 "Equity for All" Romans 2:1-12

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 III, "Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ," has four lessons that offer Paul's teachings about just and merciful behaviors. Those who live the new life in Christ are called to imitate God's just and merciful nature through their actions toward others, including their enemies.

Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield
General Secretary

It is very easy to judge others, condemning them for doing the same thing we have done. How can we avoid being judgmental? Paul teaches that God's kindness, forbearance, and patience lead us to repentance and new life.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore Paul's convictions regarding living generous and just lives before God in community.
- ✓ To aspire to refrain from judgmental attitudes that only serve to condemn us.
- ✓ To practice repentance that leads to new life in Christ.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Write a litany, prayer, or responsive reading on repentance for personal and communal sins.
- Look at the righteous judgments of God found in Romans 2:1-6. Write down how they apply today.
- Read the text and note all of the words that relate to judgment, judge, and judging. Write on a sheet of paper what these words teach us about justice and mercy.

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@thecmchurchced.org to receive this guide electronically each week.

