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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three

"The Birthing of A New Community" February 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 winter quarter we are exploring Creation. The overall theme calls for us to see ourselves as Co-creators with God. Unit Three is entitled "The Birthing of A New Community." Scriptures are taken from Galatians.

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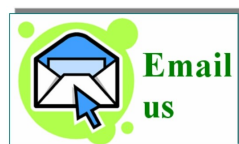
Differences of race, class, and gender make it hard for people to get along. How can we live in harmony? Paul tells the Galatians that through Christ we have received the Spirit, making us heirs of God and bringing us into a community of oneness where human differences are no longer divisive.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To discover the unity of Christians based on the saving work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ To appreciate that through Christ believers are all one in the church.
- ✓ To examine themselves for biased attitudes toward other believers.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Plan to attend a service or event with a congregation that is different from yours, perhaps in terms of its racial or socioeconomic makeup or its theological leaning. The differences may be obvious, but look for similarities that you and this congregation share in Christ.
- Select one group of people you find difficult to relate to, perhaps by virtue of their race, language, gender identity, or theological leanings. Read about them. If possible, try to get to know someone in this group. How has your knowledge and relationship changed your attitude?
- Ponder what it means to be God's adopted child. How does this status affect your daily life?



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