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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Life On God's Terms" August 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 Summer's Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "Toward a New Creation." The scripture passages in these lessons are from the broader theme of creation. Unit three is entitled "Life On God's Terms."

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People want to know how to live in a manner that transcends the selfish and corrupt ways of the world. How can they live to fulfill the law of love? Paul urges Jesus' followers to allow the love of Christ to transform their minds, so they will be able to love one another and themselves as Christ has loved and continues to love them.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To overhear Paul's exhortation to be transformed in order to discern the will of God and to fulfill God's law by loving ourselves and others.
- ✓ To accept God's will to love one another unconditionally.
- ✓ To commit to actively carry God's love into the world.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Recall that Jesus not only taught that loving one's neighbor is the the second great commandment (Matthew 22:39) but also that we are to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). Take action this week to show love for someone with whom you have had conflict.
- Make a list of ways that you feel Jesus has transformed you. What other positive changes would you like to see him make in your life? Tell him in prayer that you are open, available, and awaiting his leading.
- Practice sharing God's love with family members or other persons you regularly see who are difficult to get along with. Be especially mindful so that your "walk matches your talk." People are unlikely to accept what they hear if they can't see it enacted.



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