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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"The Pledge of God's Presence"

April 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.

The Spring Quarter (March-April-May) focuses on The Holy Spirit's role in the Godhead. The second unit is entitled **The Community of Beloved Disciples** (April).

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People who do not share their community's life-sustaining beliefs are a threat to the community. How does the community deal with this threat? The writer of 1 John suggest that those who remain faithful in their belief in Christ will have eternal life; the writer of 2 John warns them to beware of deceivers lest they corrupt the community of believers.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To research John's caution to beware of those who do not abide in Christ's teachings.
- ✓ To reflect on the emotional response to teachings that are contrary to what they have been taught previously.
- ✓ To testify that walking in Jesus' commandment to love protects the faith community from deceivers and corruption.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Recall that 2 John was written in response to a threat to the church posed by "deceivers: who denied that Jesus had come in the flesh. Do you perceive any current threats to the church? If so, what are they? How can you stand against these threats and alert others to them?
- Speak to someone in person about how you experience the presence of Jesus in your life.
- Demonstrate your love for God and neighbor by showing hospitality to someone.



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