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Sunday School Lessons Unit Two "Call To Ministry" April 2019

This quarter surveys several calls to ministry and the expectations of those called. Calls to service, as recorded in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, are highlighted. We explore Paul's call to ministry, with special attention to the Roman Church. On Easter Sunday, we examine Matthew's account of the Resurrection.

Unit II, "Call to Ministry," in five sessions (includes March 31), explores the diverse ways in which Jesus' disciples were challenged to exercise their call to ministry: by witnessing to the gospel message, acting with loving kindness, sharing the Resurrection story, and making new disciples through preaching, teaching, and baptism.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 7, 2019 "Summoned For Service" Matthew 10:1-15

Unifying Principle

When people have discovered a greater purpose in life, they may be uncertain of what to do with that discovery. Where can persons find directions for implementing that greater purpose to benefit others? Jesus gave the first disciples direction to heal and witness to the "lost" persons of their shared community.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To compare and contrast the disciples' mission in Matthew 10 with the mission of the church today.
- ✓ To anticipate the challenges the learner will experience in making an attempt to fulfill Christ's mission for the church.
- ✓ To prepare oneself for greater participation in Christ's mission for the church.

Challenges for the Week

- Use a Bible dictionary to research what can be known about the twelve apostles. Note how these men were like and unlike one another. How does this insight prepare us for working with others in the kingdom of God? How do all of us have a contribution to make to the work of the Kingdom?
- Note that proclaiming the good news is linked to ministry to the sick and afflicted in verses 7-8. What is the relationship between preaching or witnessing and working to meet people's physical needs? Can we be faithful to Jesus' call if we do one but not the other?
- Why did Jesus restrict the apostles' ministry to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel"?

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@thecmechurchced.org to receive this guide electronically.