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## Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Alpha & Omega" November 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 Fall's Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "God's Sovereignty." The scripture passages are from Isaiah, Hebrews and Revelation. Unit three is entitled "Alpha and Omega."

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People are aware that things have a beginning and an end. What is the source and final purpose of human life? Revelation affirms that God, who is Alpha and Omega, controls all things.

### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the meaning of the Second Coming to see the importance of this hoped-for reality.
- ✓ To rejoice that the invitation from Jesus to join the new community continues through the end of all things.
- ✓ To embrace the call to become part of God's kingdom.

### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Take stock of your life. If Jesus were to come today—to find you whatever you normally do—would he be pleased to welcome you in the kingdom of God? If there are facets of your life that need improvement, what changes will you make with the help of God?
- Note in Revelation 22:12 that Jesus plans to reward everyone's work. Although salvation does not depend on our actions, Jesus does plan to reward those who have worked for the kingdom of God. What are you doing that he may choose to reward? What might you begin to do, not so much to get a reward but rather to respond to the love you have experienced because of the Savior's saving grace?
- Recall the invitation to "come" that Christ issued in verse 17. Who will you invite this week to worship or a small group where he or she can get to know Christ? What steps can you take to help your congregation become more opening and welcoming.



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