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SUNDAYSCHOOL

July 1, 2018 "To Forgive and Be Forgiven" Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy"

July 2018

The study this quarter focuses on justice as presented in the New Testament. Justice is portrayed as a primary characteristic of God's nature. Human beings are called to emulate God's justice toward one another.

Unit II, "Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy," has five lessons that explore Jesus' teachings on God's justice in Matthew and Luke. Included is Jesus' demand for leaders to practice justice as well as to understand the universality of God's justice and mercy.

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People desire forgiveness even though they refuse to forgive. What are consequences of an unforgiving heart? The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Goal for the Learners

✓ To contrast the type of answer Peter expected in his question about forgiveness with the type of answer that Jesus gave him.

✓ To aspire to forgive as Jesus said to forgive.

✓ To exhibit a forgiving spirit that realizes how much God has forgiven him or her.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

● Create a litany about forgiveness.

● Interview two or three people asking them to tell of a time of forgiveness. Ask was it difficult to forgive? Why or why not?

● Compare and contrast punishment and forgiveness.

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 each week.

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