



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

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### Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "The Spread of the Gospel" May 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 III, "The Spread of the Gospel" (four sessions), begins with Paul's introduction of himself to the Jewish and Gentile Christians living in Rome. Paul affirms that the call to salvation is to Israel and to Gentiles. This call to salvation is a call to a life in the Spirit and involves a new life in Christ.

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#### Unifying Principle

Privileged people often feel superior to others. What is the corrective to such feelings of superiority? Paul warns the Gentile believers that their acceptance into grace must not make them feel superior to their Jewish brothers and sisters.

#### Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To explain Paul's metaphor of the olive tree with wild branches grafted in.
- ✓ To recognize with humility the price that was paid in order for one to stand justified before God.
- ✓ To repent of any arrogance one has expressed against those who do not know Christ, as if one's own standing were a matter of anything but the grace of God.

#### Challenges for the Week

- Based on research, what is the continuing role of modern Israel in God's plans.
- List Scriptures that speak against pride, jealousy, and boasting.
- Compare the natural act of "grafting in" with God's supernatural act of "grafting in."



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](mailto:sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org) to receive this guide electronically.

