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Sunday School Lessons

Unit One

"Restorative Faith"

April 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 Spring Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "The Gift of Faith." These lessons focus on the theme of faith as it is seen in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. Unit One is entitled "Restorative Faith."

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April 24, 2016 "A Family Reunion" Luke 15:11-24

Family relationships become too easily twisted and broken. What can be one ingredient that can keep families together? A God-like love and forgiveness, given and accepted like the experience that happened between the father and the lost son, can mend and make the difference.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To examine a parable of a divided family reunited.
- ✓ To feel the need for reunion and forgiveness in families and to connect that to their relationship with God.
- ✓ To commit to helping broken families be restored by praying for them and giving any other assistance possible.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Act as a mediator and peacekeeper in your own family if there is strife between two or more family members.
- Help a longtime absent church member who has come to himself or herself return to the church and be welcomed back.
- Support parents who have "prodigal" sons or daughters who have physically or emotionally left their parents' values and teachings. Take the role of an active listener who will hear concerns and offer prayer.



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