ANTIOCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Training

Unit III Theme – Love Completes, Law Falls Short

ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

Background Passage: Luke 11:37-44
Lesson Passage: Luke 11:37-44

UNIFYING TOPIC:
Jesus Eats with a Pharisee

LESSON TEXT
I. Jesus’ Offense (Luke 11:37-41)
II. Jesus’ Woes (Luke 11:42-44)

THE MAIN THOUGHT
And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part Is full of ravening and wickedness. (Luke 11:39, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE
Rules and ceremony provide necessary parameters for everyone. How do we avoid the hollow legalism that sometimes results? Jesus demands heartfelt commitment to justice and love as demonstrations of true faith rather than mere outward adherence to the Law.

LESSON AIM
Students will practice showing God’s love and justice in their daily living.

LIFE AIM
We may practice outward behavior that reflects our deepening Christian commitment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT
To teach the life-changing power of God’s Word resulting in salvation to the lost, transformed lives, and renewed and strengthened relationships in Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
DOING GOOD DEEDS AT THE WRONG TIME

Background Passage: Luke 14:1-6
Lesson Passage: Luke 14:1-6

UNIFYING TOPIC:
Is it Lawful to Heal on the Sabbath?

LESSON TEXT
I. Jesus Dines with Religious Leaders
   (Luke 14:1-4)
II. Jesus Reveals the Sabbath
   (Luke 14:5-6)

THE MAIN THOUGHT
And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go. (Luke 14:3-4, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE
There’s a time and place for everything. Is it right to do a good deed at the wrong time? Jesus demonstrates compassion for a sick man when He heals him at a Sabbath meal despite the critical eyes of the Pharisees.

LESSON AIM
Students will become increasingly aware of the need for loving attitudes and actions in the world.

LIFE AIM
We gain new faith as we understand and appreciate Jesus’ opposition to two-faced conduct wherever He encountered it.

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Lesson 12 for Week of September 17, 2023

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WHO IS TRUSTWORTHY?

Background Passage: John 7:14-24
Lesson Passage: John 7:14-24

UNIFYING TOPIC:
Jesus Gives God Glory

LESSON TEXT
I. Jesus as the True Authority (John 7:14-18)
II. Calling Out the Opposition (John 7:19-20)
III. Circumcision and the Sabbath (John 7:21-24)

THE MAIN THOUGHT
He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. (John 7:18, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE
We expect our leaders to tell the truth, but sometimes they distort the facts. How can we decide who is trustworthy? Jesus told the crowds to judge the truth of His words by the fact that His teaching was not self-serving, but instead, directed all glory to God.

LESSON AIM
Students will grow in their understanding of and commitment to the self-sacrificing life seen in Jesus.

LIFE AIM
We can grow in our ability to praise God in deeds as well as words.

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Background Passage: John 8:1-11, 39-59                              Lesson Passage: John 8:1-11, 56-59

UNIFYING TOPIC:
Jesus Extends Forgiveness

LESSON TEXT
I. The Perfect Response  (John 8:1-11)
II. Greater Than Abraham  (John 8:56-59)

THE MAIN THOUGHT
She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.  (John 8:11, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE
Others may be quick to judge someone who breaks the law—whether moral, ethical, or civil. Who has authority to enact judgment on another person’s wrongdoing? After confronting her accusers with their own sinfulness, Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery, saying, “Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

LESSON AIM
Students will increase in their understanding of forgiveness as the best expression of love in their relationships with others.

LIFE AIM
We can realize when we do wrong and can change our ways.

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