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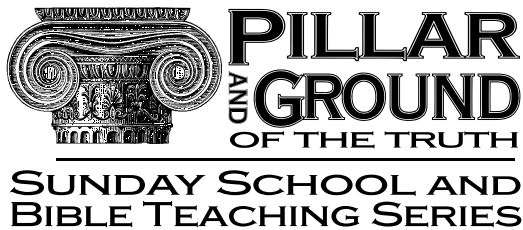
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# INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER'S GUIDE

This Teacher's Guide is designed to assist those of you who will be leading in the study of these Bible lessons. You will find helpful information in the front of this book that will be of great value as you prepare to teach each lesson.

- “Preparing to Teach the Lesson”
- “Ten Laws for the Sunday School Teacher”
- “Tips for Teaching the Bible”
- “Goals for This Series”

After the introductory material, you will find preparation instructions and “Teacher's Notes” for all thirteen lessons in this series. At the conclusion of this book, information is given for those who are interested in additional materials. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will give you divine enabling as you faithfully teach the Word of God.

## PREPARING TO TEACH THE LESSON

As you study to teach God's Word, you must realize that thorough preparation is extremely important. You should teach from an overflow. The truths of each lesson should make an impact in your life before being communicated to others. Here are some suggestions for preparing to teach the lessons in this series.

### *Begin Preparation Early*

For many teachers, preparation is something that begins and ends in the same evening. Usually, that evening is the one before the lesson is to be given. If you begin to prepare early, you will have the opportunity to live with the lesson throughout the week. Many times you do not get the full impact of Bible truths because you do not give the Lord the opportunity to develop these truths in your own life.

### *Look to Christ*

In Bible study and teaching, the goal is not to know information; the goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known. Begin your preparation time by "*looking unto Jesus*." You need to come to God's Word in faith believing that He is going to speak to you. Take time to commune with the Lord Jesus, and get your heart in tune with Him.

### *Read the Bible Background Reading*

Read the background Bible passages that are given for each lesson. Be sure to read each passage twice.

1. Read the first time for general understanding. Look up any unfamiliar words or phrases.
2. Read the second time to mark key words and key expressions that speak to your heart.

### *Read the Bible Lesson*

After reading and marking the Scripture passages which correspond to the lesson, read the Bible lesson from *Following Christ and Fishing for Men* that corresponds with the lesson you are studying. As you read, mark key statements or paragraphs so that you can review them later.

### *Answer the Questions*

In the "Teacher's Notes", you will find preparation questions for each lesson. After reading the lesson, answer these questions to reinforce the things you have read. These are identical to the questions that the students are given in the *Study Guide*.

## *Teacher's Preparation*

### *Notice the Lesson Aims*

In each lesson, you should not try to teach many things, but rather teach a *few* things well. Give careful attention to the “Lesson Aims” which help to identify the key truths that are to be taught in each lesson. Keep these aims before you during your preparation time. They will help you to communicate the key truths in the lesson.

### *Write Out Ideas for Application*

A good Bible teacher will always strive to apply the truths of God’s Word to his audience. Before teaching, write out specific ideas for applying this lesson to your particular audience. You can teach people of all ages and stages in life to bring their burdens to Christ. Make your application especially strong in the conclusion of the lesson.

### *Use Illustrations*

The Lord Jesus often taught great truths through the use of practical illustrations. Perhaps the best illustrations are those that come directly from the Bible. Take time to reflect upon the lesson, and make note of biblical illustrations that could help you teach more effectively. You may also think of some experiences from your life or the lives of other Christians that would help to illustrate a truth in the lesson.

## *Teacher's Preparation*

Personal illustrations should always be truthful and practical; at times, they may be thought-provoking or humorous as well.

### *Use the Class Teaching Notes*

“Teacher’s Notes” have been prepared for each lesson in this series. These notes are identical in format to the *Study Guide*. The page numbers on the “Teacher’s Notes” correspond to the page numbers in the *Study Guide*.

Be sure to make any handwritten notes on the “Teacher’s Notes” that you feel will assist you in teaching the lesson. You may wish to write down personal illustrations, application ideas, or quotes and key expressions from the book *Following Christ and Fishing for Men*.

The “Teacher’s Notes” will be your aid as you teach the Bible lesson. The “Teacher’s Notes” are designed to be removed from the *Teacher’s Guide* and placed neatly in your Bible. When teaching these lessons, do not carry the entire *Teacher’s Guide* or the book *Following Christ and Fishing for Men* to class; carry only your Bible and the “Teacher’s Notes”.

# *Teacher's Preparation*

## *Review*

When you walk into class, you should know thoroughly what you are going to teach. Plan a time to review the “Teacher’s Notes” and Scripture reading. If you take the time to review the lesson, the things you have studied will be more firmly planted in your heart.

## *Conclude with a Time of Prayer*

- Pray for the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for a spiritual understanding of God’s Word.
- Pray for your pastor and church to be strengthened.
- Pray for lost souls to be saved.

## TEN LAWS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

1. Prepare early for Sunday School.
2. Recognize the authority of God’s Word.
3. Enter into study with prayer.
4. Know the material comprehensively before teaching in parts.
5. Use proper teaching methods.
6. Take your class to the Scripture often.
7. Help your class think biblically, and use biblical language.
8. Make strong application in the conclusion of the lesson.
9. Encourage Bible memory.
10. Find a way to encourage daily preparation for next week’s lesson.

Clarence Sexton

## TIPS FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

As teachers of God's Word, we have a desire to be as effective as possible because we know that people need to hear and understand the Bible. You do not have to obtain a formal education to be a good teacher. Here are several suggestions that will help you to become a more effective teacher.

### *Always Begin and End on Time*

This shows great respect and consideration for others. The teacher should arrive early to class and should be prepared to teach before he arrives.

### *Do Not Be Afraid to Ask Questions*

You may ask questions to the entire class or to individuals. Some questions may take time for people to answer. You may need to reword a question to lead people to the correct answer.

### *Get Every Member of the Class Involved*

This can be done in a variety of ways including the following:

- Allowing the class or class members to read Scripture
- Asking questions that call for a response
- Encouraging class members to write in the *Study Guide*

### *Maintain Eye Contact with Your Class*

Many teachers fail in this matter because they are bound to their notes or to a book they have carried to class. When teaching, carry only your Bible with the "Teacher's Notes" neatly placed in it. Use the notes to help you stay on track, and teach in a logical order; however, do not give your notes more attention than your students.

### *Use Variety in Your Teaching*

No one wants to be part of a Sunday School class that is cold and dead. You can make a class much more lively and interesting by varying your teaching methods and styles. This can be done in many ways including the following:

- Using object lessons or visual aids when teaching
- Allowing students to answer or discuss questions
- Using an illustration to grab the students' attention at the beginning of the lesson
- Varying your tone of voice (Do not speak in a monotone voice.)

## *Tips for Teaching the Bible*

### *Make Specific Applications to Your Students*

Work diligently to apply the truths you are teaching to the students in your class. They will find joy in obeying God's Word. Be clear and specific as you seek to show the students how the lesson applies to them. At the conclusion of the lesson, call for definite decisions; encourage each student to write these decisions in the *Study Guide* or in his Bible.

### *Keep the Bible Central*

As Baptists we believe that our sole authority for faith and practice is God's Word. When you teach, your students should know that you have taught them God's Word. Take people to the Scriptures often, and read the passages given in each lesson. You should teach in such a way that every student feels as if he needs a Bible in order to participate. Keep the Bible central in every question, discussion, and lecture.

### *Be Filled with the Holy Spirit of God*

God can enable all of His children to do the work He has called them to do. For the Christian, the filling of the Spirit is not an option; it is a command (Ephesians 5:18). The Lord Jesus said in John 15:5, "*Without me ye can do nothing.*" Often you try to do for yourself what you are not capable of doing.

## *Tips for Teaching the Bible*

God can speak to the hearts of men, and He will speak through you as you are yielded to Him and filled with His Spirit.

# GOALS FOR THIS SERIES

- TO KNOW THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY BY CHRIST TO BE A FAITHFUL WITNESS
- TO UNDERSTAND THAT HELL IS A REAL PLACE OF TORMENT WHERE ALL MEN WHO DIE WITHOUT CHRIST WILL SPEND ETERNITY
- TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS IN GOING AFTER THE LOST AND GIVING THEM THE GOSPEL MESSAGE
- TO LEARN TO GIVE A PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF FAITH IN CHRIST AND TO REALIZE THAT THIS IS A POWERFUL TOOL IN WITNESSING
- TO SEE THAT GOD'S WORK ADVANCES AS WE NOT ONLY WIN THE LOST BUT ALSO TRAIN THEM TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS
- TO FOLLOW AFTER THE LORD JESUS AND ALLOW HIM TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES AND MAKE US FISHERS OF MEN

# *Preparation Questions for Lesson 1*

## JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

### *Background Reading*

John 20:24-31; Matthew 22:41-46; Matthew 16:13-17; Luke 24:25-27; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 3:13; John 5:17-23; John 8:58; John 19:7; Matthew 26:62-66; John 14:5-9; Acts 4:12

### MONDAY

Read John 20:24-31. According to this passage, the accounts of this book were written that we might believe what?

### TUESDAY

In Matthew 16:13-17, what clear confession did Peter make concerning the Person of Christ?

### WEDNESDAY

We learn in Luke 24:25-27 that the Old Testament Scriptures have much to teach us about whom?

### THURSDAY

Read John 5:17-23 and list several of the ways in which Jesus Christ said He was equal with God.

### FRIDAY

What did Christ say in John 8:58 which indicated that He is the same as Jehovah God in the Old Testament?

### SATURDAY

In John 14:5-9, when Philip wanted to see the Father, what did the Lord Jesus say to him?

## JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

# 1

*Teacher's Preparation*

The question of who Christ is remains the foundational issue of Christianity. This is why there is such an awful attack on His person. We live in a day when many people speak about Christ but are not talking about the Christ of the Bible. The Christ of the Bible is Jesus of Nazareth, the virgin-born One, Emmanuel, “God with us.” Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Christ is the Creator God, not a created god.

### *Bible Background Reading*

John 20:24-31; Matthew 22:41-46; Matthew 16:13-17; Luke 24:25-27; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; John 3:13; John 5:17-23; John 8:58; John 19:7; Matthew 26:62-66; John 14:5-9; Acts 4:12

### *Bible Lesson Reading*

Read chapter 1 in *Following Christ and Fishing for Men* by Clarence Sexton.

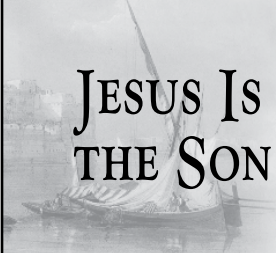
## Lesson Aims

To understand that what we believe concerning the person of Christ is the foundational issue in the doctrine of salvation

To show that the Lord Jesus willingly accepted what the Old Testament Scriptures said concerning His deity

To see that throughout the gospel records Jesus Christ repeatedly affirmed that He is indeed equal with God

To rejoice in the fact that we can know God in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus, and to be faithful to tell others who He is



# JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

# 1

Teacher's Notes

### Scripture Memory

*"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."*

John 20:31

Notes



We come to know the true God in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus. In John chapter twenty, our Lord Jesus Christ went to Calvary, bled and died for our sins, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and came forth from the grave alive forevermore. He revealed Himself as the resurrected Saviour to His disciples. Read the account in John 20:24-31. The Bible says in verse thirty-one, *"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."*

The question all of us must answer is found in Matthew 22:42, *"What think ye of Christ?"* The question of who Christ is remains the foundational issue of Christianity. This is why there is such an awful attack on His person.

Peter said in Matthew 16:16, *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Jesus Christ is who He says He is; He is God. We need to know Him as our Saviour.



*Christ is the  
Creator God,  
not a  
created god.*

## The Lord Accepted What the Old Testament Said about Him

Luke 24:27 says, *"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them*



*Jesus Christ is not a liar; He is not an imposter. He is God.*

*in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."* Our Lord Jesus accepted what the Old Testament declared about Him, that He is God.

Isaiah 9:6 says that He is *"the mighty God"* and *"the everlasting Father."* The Lord Jesus accepted these titles for

Himself. Either He is who He says He is or He is a liar and an imposter; but He is not a liar, and He is not an imposter. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Jesus Christ Affirmed in the New Testament That He Is God

In John 5:17-23, those listening had no doubt about what Christ was affirming. He made Himself equal with God.

*Jesus said He is equal with God in works (v. 19).*

*Jesus said He is equal with God in knowledge (v. 20).*

*Jesus said He is equal with God in power (v. 21).*

*Jesus said He is equal with God in honor (v. 22-23).*

We find many other examples of His claims. In John 8:58 He said, *"Before Abraham was, I am."* This expression, *"I am,"* is the same name for God given in the Old Testament. Jesus affirms Himself that He is God. In John 10:30 the Lord Jesus said, *"I and my Father are one."*



*The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of New Testament.*

In John 19:7, the Jews were concluding their case for Christ to be put to death. They said, *"...by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."*

## Jesus Christ Is Who He Says He Is, and We Can Know God

If the Scriptures teach us that Christ accepted what the Bible says about Him in the Old Testament, if He affirmed in the gospel records that He is God, where does this leave us? It leaves us with the wonderful truth that because Christ is who He says He is, we can know God.

In John 14:5-9, Christ declared to Philip that He indeed is God. Dear ones, this is not just a good idea; this is absolutely the most important matter in life that Jesus is God and that we can know the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour.

*Only those who know Christ as their personal Saviour can tell those who do not know who He is.*

# *Preparation Questions for Lesson 2*

## FOLLOWING CHRIST AND FISHING FOR MEN

### *Background Reading*

Matthew 4:12-20; II Peter 3:9; I Peter 1:16; Mark 3:14; Luke 19:10; John 15:4, 11

### MONDAY

Read Matthew 4:12-20. What was the occupation of Peter and Andrew? How did this compare to their new calling?

### TUESDAY

According to II Peter 3:9, what is God's desire for every person?

### WEDNESDAY

What command is given to believers in I Peter 1:16? How does this affect our witness to others for Christ?

### THURSDAY

Notice the progression of Matthew 4:19. If we are to become fishers of men, what must we do first?

### FRIDAY

According to Mark 3:14, what did the Lord Jesus call His disciples to do before sending them forth to preach?

### SATURDAY

From Matthew 4:19, who is it that transforms our lives and makes us fishers of men? If we are not fishers of men, what does that indicate about our relationship to Christ?