



Sunday School Study Plan for March 2023 with Ms. Theresa Edwards and Mr. Verdell Shoats
Theme for the Four Weeks (March 5, 12, 19, and 26)
Studies in Leadership: Peter and Paul

Week 1 - Jesus Calls Two Leaders

Luke 5:1-11; Acts 9:1-30

Guiding Questions:

1. In Matthew 5:2, Jesus saw two boats. Which boat did He get into? Was that an accident?
2. When Jesus tells Peter to go into deep water, what does Peter do before he obeys Christ? When Peter obeyed Christ, what happened?
3. When the Lord appears to Ananias in a vision and gives him instructions about Saul, what does Ananias do? When the Lord gives us an assignment, what is our first reaction? Why?
4. Why was Saul led by the hand into Damascus?
5. After his sight was restored, what did Saul do that amazed the people?
6. Compare what happened to Peter in Acts 4:13 to what happened to Paul in Acts 9:23-25.

Week 2 - When Leaders Disagree

Galatians Chapters 1 - 2

Guiding Questions:

1. Read vv.1:6-7. What concerned Paul? Is what concerned Paul still a problem today? Explain your answer.
2. After Paul knew he was called to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, how long did he stay away from the other apostles? Why is that important?
3. Was it important for the congregation at Galatia to know Paul's background? If so, why?
4. What does the right hand of fellowship mean?
5. Titus, who was with Paul, was not compelled to be circumcised. Is that important? If so, why?
6. According to vv.2:7-8, who was Peter assigned to preach the gospel to? Who was Paul assigned to preach the gospel to?
7. Why did Paul publicly confront Peter?

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
 - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
 - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
 - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

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2 Timothy 2:15, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."



Week 3 - Understanding What You Believe

Galatians Chapters 3 – 4

Guiding Questions:

1. How should the righteous live?
2. Was Christ's death necessary? If so, why?
3. Why did Paul get upset when the Gentiles once again begin observing special days and months and seasons and years?
4. Galatians 4:21-31 ends with the story of Hagar and Sarah and their sons. Why does Paul remind the congregation of those births?

Week 4: Hold Fast to What You Believe

Galatians Chapters 5 – 6

Guiding Questions

1. Was Paul for or against circumcision? Explain your answer.
2. According to Paul, how is the entire law fulfilled?
3. Do the fruits of the Holy Spirit and the desires of the flesh work together or against each other? Explain your answer.
4. Why does the Paul encourage the congregation not to get weary in well doing?
5. Contrast Paul's boasting before he was converted with his boasting after he was converted.