

Lesson 23: What does it mean to be committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society?

Thirteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
November 17, 2019

General Concept: To be committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society means to consecrate our whole being to the work of ushering in the Reign of God.

Biblical References: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

Age-Level Concepts

- We need to be committed to our participation in the transformation of Church and society.
- We need to offer our whole being to the work of ushering in the Reign of God.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Explain why we need to commit ourselves to the transformation of both Church and society
- Identify their capacities and capabilities which they think are useful and helpful in the work of transformation
- Resolve to dedicate oneself to the work of ushering in God's Reign

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 65:17-25

The account tells about God's promise of the "New Heaven and New Earth" in the context of Israel's hope for restoration. The LORD reassures this devastated people, "the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind" (65:17). All that recent history had held for Judah; the terror of the Babylonian invasion, the destruction of the Jerusalem temple, the forcible dislocation and abjection of Judean leaders, perhaps even Judah's sinfulness (65:1-7) will no longer be considered, for God is creating "new heavens and a new earth." This promise reconfigures everything that Judah had known about its life and its identity. Judah had been under threat from the very earliest cultural memories preserved in biblical tradition; enslavement in Egypt, living under the shadow of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires according to its formative narratives, Judah had often struggled on the brink of extinction. Yet hope for healing and restoration through the power and compassion of God.

Luke 21:5-19

this biblical account declares Jesus' prophetic discourse. Here, Luke depicts Jesus as differentiating his teaching from that of the false prophets, who also quoted the ancient words of God. While announcing the coming judgment, Jesus cautions against following prophets who claim to know God's timetable, even invoking Jesus' name. This prophetic discourse of Jesus does not mean or refer to the timetable of what will be happening. Rather, Jesus followed the

prophets in teaching that the struggles in history and disturbances in nature are more than accidental. They remind believers that God triumphed over chaos in creating the natural world, and yet both humans and other forces are still contending for the earth. The hope to which Jesus testifies in this passage, therefore, is no trivial denial of the struggles, the pain, and agony of human life, or the catastrophic forces of nature. These are real, and the prophets of old have interpreted such devastations as the context of God's saving work. For Luke, Jesus joins this chorus, bringing it close to the concrete realities of early Christians. But he says, "This will be an opportunity to testify" and "by your endurance, you will gain your souls." Jesus is promising that he will give the "words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict."

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.

Welcome each student with a smile of welcoming. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on a life journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a reason."

Songs of Gathering

I'm excited 3x in the Lord
I'm excited 3x in the Lord 3x
When you're walking with the Lord you can't get bored.
Sing Allelujah Amen. Yes!

"It's Me the Makes A Better World"
It's me 3x that makes a better world." 4x

Chorus

We can make a difference, we can make a change
Together we can work and make a better world 2x

It's you and me, together we can make a change 3x
It's you and me can make a better world (Chorus)

It's me and you, It's us that makes a better world 3x
It's me, it's you, it's us that make a better world (Chorus)

Opening Prayer

Be with us O God in our Sunday School. May you bless us as we come together singing your praise, reading, and studying your Word, in our fellowship, and prayer for one another. Bless us as worship together in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Getting Ready

Fun Game: "Follow My Command"
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6bHltjIYZE>)

each Invite the whole class to gather around and form a circle with hands holding side. Instruct them to strictly follow your 4 commands.

Jump 1. Say what I say and do what I say. Instruct the group to Jump in, Jump Out, Right, and Jump Left. (Make 30 seconds of letting class follow your leading)

2. Say the opposite of what I say but do what I say. (You: Jump Left; Class: Jump Right. Make a 20 seconds routine)

3. Say what I say but do the opposite of what I say.

4. Say and do the opposite of what I say.

Sharing:

1. What have you learned from the game?

2. How does the game help our understanding of our commitment to work for a transform church and society?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read the biblical texts aloud in the class. Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 21:5-19. Group the class into triads and allow the learners to discuss the text.

Points to Reflect On:

Isaiah 65:17-25

- What does the Prophet Isaiah say about the New Heaven and New Earth?
- How does God able to restore Israel's hope amid tribulations?
- How do the people participate in realizing and experiencing New Heaven and New Earth?

Luke 21:5-19

- How does Luke able to describe the signs of the time?
- How does Jesus able to reverse the situation into an opportunity to testify about God's kingdom?
- What action(s) can you do in ushering a transformed church and society?
- As a young person, what can you commit?

Sharing of the Triad's Reflection

Lessons Learned

represents *Symbol of One's Commitment.* Each triad has to find a symbol that best
The triad can their commitment to ushering a transformed church and society?
look a thing or draw an image.

(Example: a Wrist Watch: We give time in doing the work of transformation.)

Applying the Lessons Learned

“Christian church has always been involved in the transformation of society, especially as it took sides with the poor and oppressed. Today, more than ever, given the increasing poverty, violence, and injustices in the world, our church is called upon to embrace, engage and continue with its task of being an agent for transformation and change. It has to fulfill the gospel imperative of making the world a better place for all to live with justice, peace, and harmony.”

What concrete action you can commit to addressing these following issues?

- a. Disunity within our Church
- b. Unwelcoming Attitude to the LGBTQ Community
- c. Poverty
- d. Pollution
- e. Drug Addiction
- f. Extra-Judicial Killings

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: “By your endurance, you will gain your souls.” Luke 21:19

Call to Offering:

Commitment is giving without expecting any returns or gain. We give because God gives. May we commit ourselves to God by giving generously for God’s mission work.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“O God Receive This Offering”

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 91

O God receive this offering that we are bringing to you.

This is the sign of our gratitude for your great love for us all.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

We offer to you these gifts of love. May we receive your Spirit that will move us to be extravagant in our giving to others. Amen.

+Closing Song

“This Is My Song” (Tune: Finlandia) TNCH # 591

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and
dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine; But other lands have sunlight to and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

+Prayer of Dedication

Facilitator (Singing): "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" TNCH #82
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving joyful and free; Here my Spirit's power-filled you, herewith tender comfort stilled you, Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and fine.

Response (Sing and Dance- "Universal Dance for Peace")

"We Are Opening Up"

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpNV46rS_Wo\)

We are opening up in a sweet surrender

To the luminous love-light of our God

We are opening we are opening 2x

Youth At Work (Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church).

The month of November:

In consultation with your pastor, make a Church Map that will display an overview of the Church and it's members' Location.

A. Together with your Board of Deacons, make Offering envelops for the Youth and Children of your local church. Make a simple structure that will be used to place these Envelops

B.Church Garden. In consultation with your pastor and the church council, make a church garden that will be planted with herbs and vegetables. If a lot is not available, make use of recycled materials to be used.

C. Organize a Youth Stewardship Team that will promote Christian Stewardship among the local church Youth and Children. (eg. Promoting and encouraging the Youth and Children to start having an offering envelop of their own.

D. Start an Income Generating Project for local church activities such as Vacation Church School and Summer Youth Camp, Clean Up Drive for the Community, Tree Planting, segregation of Garbage or Waste Management and Energy Conservation in the church.

E. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Multimedia account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 24: What does it mean to have an abundant life?

Fourteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

November 24, 2019

General Concept: Abundant life means resources are sufficient and equitably shared among everyone.

Biblical References: Acts 2:44-47

Age-Level Concepts

- Abundant life means resources are sufficient for everybody to use.
- Abundant life means resources are shared equitably among everyone.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Discuss what equitable sharing of resources means
- Identify the resources that need to be equitably distributed to all
- Mention conditions or situations where equitable sharing of resources is experienced
- Express how they feel about people going hungry and their basic needs not met

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop - Internet Ready for Video Presentation.

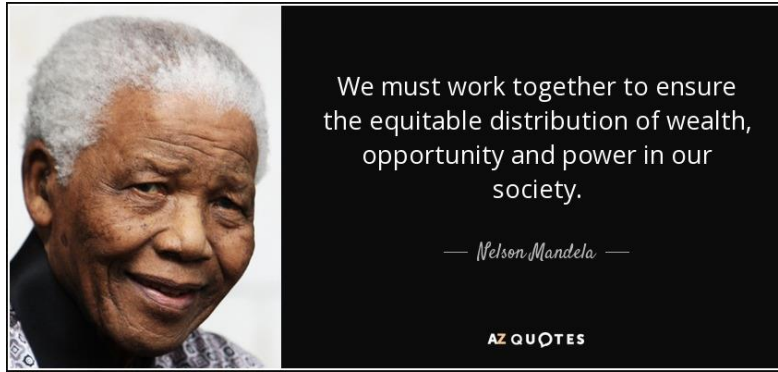
Biblical Background

Acts 2:44-47

The biblical account in Acts refers to the communal life of the early church. It refers to what the Holy Spirit can do to the life of the community of faith. These verses do not lay down rules or specific structures for Christian living. In their context, they indicate that the essence of the reign of God creates the potential for mutual service that embodies God's justice. The life and work of a Christian community may reflect the reign of God that Jesus proclaimed while on earth and secured through his death, resurrection, and exaltation. The community of faith in Jerusalem lives a multifaceted witness, one not restricted to a single place or mode. This witness manifests itself in houses and the Jerusalem temple. It benefits to its members and earns the admiration of outsiders. The community exists not for its own sake, but to care for its most vulnerable members and to be a means by which God extends His care and providence to others (v. 47). Hence, this passage anchors humanity's deepest hopes for community, justice, generosity, and meaning specifically as a result of people coming to embrace the crucified, risen, and glorified Christ as God's designated agent, as the particular means by which God institutes and exercises God's reign within creation.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time



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the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.)

(Post A Phrase
quotes that invites

Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement
"Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We
are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering

"It's Me the Makes A Better World"

It's me 3x that makes a better world." 4x

Chorus

*We can make a difference, we can make a change
Together we can work and make a better world 2x*

*It's you and me, together we can make a change 3x
It's you and me can make a better world (Chorus)*

*It's me and you, It's us that makes a better world 3x
It's me, it's you, it's us that make a better world (Chorus)*

"Abundant Life for All"

(Tune: I'm Inward, Outward Happy all the time)

Abundant life for you and me, let everyone has it's share 2x

*Since Jesus came to give, a life for all to live
Abundant life for you and me, let everyone has it's share*

Opening Prayer

O God, our great Teacher and Guide, be with us as we come to learn more about You
and Your work towards giving a meaningful and abundant life for all. Move us to be
like Jesus, willing to give oneself for others to receive. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Getting Ready

Video Presentation about the two monkeys:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meiU6TxysCg>

Invite the whole class to see the video and allow them to comment on how the monkeys reacted to inequality.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read the biblical text aloud in the class. Group the class into 2 and allow them to discuss the following points:

Points to Reflect On

1. What does the book of Acts 2:44-47 say about abundant Life?
2. How did the early Christians live out their abundant life?
3. When do you think abundant life is not experienced? What factors hinder abundant life being experienced by all?
4. Identify at least 4 basic human needs that every person must have? (Food, Safe-Water, Shelter, and Education)
5. Do you think these basic human needs are being met in our society today? Mention a condition or situation where these basic needs are being met through the help of your church.

Sharing of the Group's Reflection Through Role Play (Contextualize the text in this recent situation of the Youth)

Lessons Learned

Expressing Yourself: React on these following pictures:

- What do you see?
- What do you feel?
- What do you want to do about it?
- What can you commit to prevent it from happening?

1. Hungry Child, Crying for food.



2.
contaminated water.

Thirsty Child, drinking



3. Homeless children sleeping on the wooden dilapidated cart

4. Closure of Tribal School in the mountain area.



Applying the

Lessons Learned

Allow each learner to supply all the blanks with one's own words.

Abundant life for me is _____. I can share my
_____ to help a person in need. I offer my _____ so that
never again people will experience _____.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "All who believed were together and had all things in common."

(Luke 2:44)

Offertory

Call: Abundant life is living simply that you may share God's bounty with others.
When we share, we extend God's abundance to others.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "All That We Have in Our Lives"

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 92

All that we have in our lives come from you gracious God,
We offer all these back to you to glorify your name.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Experiencing your abundant grace, we offer these gifts to let others experience
what we experienced and to know that You are the fount of every blessing.

Amen

+Closing Song "I Am the Light of the World" by Jim Strathee NCH# 584

Chorus

I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be

2. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the sages and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of
Christmas is begun

3. To find the lost and lonely one, To heal the broken soul with love, to feed
the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below,
the sky above!

4. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care to rebuild
the nations with the strength of goodwill, to see all God's children
everywhere

5. To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth to make
music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colors of the earth.

+Prayer of Dedication

(Hold hands together) We are grateful for the lesson of making us aware that we
receive everyday life's abundance from You O God, our Sustainer. With
this lesson, we also learn that we can help make others live abundantly if all
resources are equitably shared among us. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of November "Universal Dance for Peace")
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Lesson 25: What does it mean to have a meaningful life?

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

General Concept: A meaningful life is a life full of love, lived serving God and others.

Biblical Reference: Isaiah 2:1-5,

Age-Level Concepts

- Life is meaningful if lived full of love.
- Life is meaningful if lived serving God and others.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Discuss the manifestations of a meaningful life
- Explain how one can achieve a meaningful life
- Demonstrate how one can serve God and people

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse and Rewards for the Class Cleaning.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 2:1-5

The text describes a day when God's promises to Judah is fulfilled. Judah so often obscured by defeat, judgment, and historical circumstances will be fully realized in history. It will be a day when glory outshines shadow; when joy extinguishes sorrow; when peace silences violence; when rebellion cedes to obedience; when faith becomes sight. This passage portrays a theological claim associated generally with Zion, the Temple, and the city of Jerusalem. It portrays that God has chosen Zion as the center of his reign over the world; Zion serves as the center of God's governance over creation; and at Zion, God establishes order by bringing chaos to an end. It speaks about God's promises to Zion and David. The word of promise in Isaiah 2:1-5 is embedded within the prophetic oracles of judgment (Isaiah 1:21-31; 2:5-22). In the prior chapter, the "holy" city of Jerusalem is accused of murder, rebellion, injustice, and corruption (Isaiah 1:21-23). And the texts immediately following Isaiah 2:1-5, claim that God's people have forsaken God's ways (Isaiah 2:6-9). In the first two chapters of Isaiah, then, Jerusalem is offered words of both judgment and salvation. These words of judgment, however, are not in contradiction to the promise of Isaiah 2:1-5. In this text, promise and judgment are not contradictory realities: judgment serves promise and contributes to bringing about the fulfillment of a promise. The city of God will one day be transformed from alloy to pure metal. She will be a holy and magnificent magnet for the nations, but only after a season of judgment and refinement, when God will turn God's hand against the city. God must first approach Zion in the form of an enemy before showing himself as the fulfiller of promises.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time. (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.

Welcome each student with a tight hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose and meaning."

Songs of Gathering "Dubidahdah Praise" by gbb

We gonna um! Ahh! (dubidadidahdah 2x)

Let's praise our God 2x

This is the day that the Lord has made,

we will rejoice and be glad

Together let us join our hearts in prayer

as we dance and praise God's name.

The Greatest Thing in All My Life

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you

the greatest thing in all my life is knowing you

I want to know you more 2x

The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you

.... loving you ...serving you

Opening Prayer

Be with us O God as we study your word. May we find joy in learning together and finding meaning in life. Amen.

Getting Ready

Invite the learners to help you arrange the classroom. Assign others to sweep the floor, others to arrange the tables and things inside the classroom. After cleaning, give them a compliment and a reward.

Ask your class, "Do you find meaning in cleaning our classroom?" "When do you achieve meaning in doing something?"

(You find meaning if you find belongingness, purpose, and direction in life.

Meaning: Belongingness in the class who work together as one body.

Purpose: To have a clean and conducive place of learning.

Direction: to achieve a clean classroom before 15 minutes.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical text found in Isaiah 2:1-5 aloud in the class. Divide the class into 2 groups and allow them to discuss the following points:

Points to Reflect On

1. What does the text tell us about a meaningful life?
2. When do you think a meaningful life is experienced? What factors lead to a meaningful life living?
3. How do young people today able to experience meaningful life?

Sharing of the Group's Reflection Through Role Play (Apply the message of the text in the context of the young people today)

Lessons Learned

4 Pillars of meaningful life by Emily Esfahani Smith

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9Trdafp83U>)

1. Belonging- Being in the relationship and value of who you are. It springs from love to oneself and others. We tend to have meaning when we feel belongingness to someone and God.
2. Purpose. Using your strength by serving others. It gives meaning to live for.
3. Transcendence. Lifted above to connect with God. Connected with a higher reality.
4. Storytelling. The story you tell about yourself. You are the writer of this story, you can add or edit it but the thing is to retell the story that will redeem yourself.

Applying the Lessons Learned

How can we experience a meaningful life today? Show these pictures and allow the learners to share their views about a certain picture.





Allow each learner to supply all the blanks with one's own words.

Meaningful life for me is _____. I belong to _____. I believe
my purpose in life is _____ God is my
_____ and I am nothing without God. My story is
_____.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they
may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Offertory: A meaningful life is knowing what we have and able to share it with
others. Let us give because we received much from God."

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "Bringing Your Tithe" (tune: "Staying Alive" by Bee Gees)

We received God's blessings and love and we stay alive, stay alive

We received God's blessings and love that's why we bring our tithe, bring our tithe

Hahahaha bringing tithes that's why we here for...

Bringing our tithe..... hit it!

+Thanksgiving Prayer

We give because we received much from you O God. We bring our gifts because you gave Jesus for us to be saved. May these offerings will have meaning in bringing light and life to the world. Amen.

+Closing Song "Life is Worth Living" by Justin Bieber

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e934LuQIAeg>)

Ended up on a crossroad; Try to figure out which way to go;

It's like you're stuck on a treadmill; Running in the same place ;You got your hazard lights on now

Hoping that somebody would slow down; Praying for a miracle

Who'll show you grace? Had a couple of dollars and a quarter tank of gas

With a long journey ahead; Seen a truck pull over; God sent an angel to help you out.

He gave you direction ;Showed you how to read a map

With a long journey ahead ,Said," it ain't over, Oh, even in the midst of doubt".

Chorus

Life is worth living, life is worth living, so live another day .

The meaning of forgiveness;People make mistakes, doesn't mean you have to give in Life is worth living again.

Relationship on a ski slope ;Avalanche comin' down slow. Do we have enough time to salvage this love? Feels like a blizzard in April, "Cause my heart is just that cold

Skating on thin ice, but it's strong enough to hold us up; Seen her scream and holler; Put us both on blast Tearing each other down When I thought it was over

God sent us an angel to help us out; He gave us direction, showed us how to make it last; For that long journey ahead Said it ain't ever over Oh, even in the midst of doubt (Chorus)

+Prayer of Dedication

(Hold hands together) Life is worth living because of you O Lord Jesus. You saved us from death and give us newness of living and purpose to be your light and salt of the world. Thank you O God for giving us meaning in our lives. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of December)

"Bind Us Together Lord"

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

There is only one God, there is only one king, there is only one body

and that is why we sing.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of December:

1. Christmas Cards for those who are in the hospital, police and soldiers, and those in jail
2. Volunteer at local projects like Home for the Aged, DSWD, Boy's Town, Happy Home- Home for the Mentally- Challenged People.
3. Start a gratitude jar in one's local church.
4. Make a Church Calendar or Christmas Cards to give to all families in the church.
5. Organize a Youth Caroling Activity to carol those families in the slam areas and bring Christmas goodies for their children.
6. Help in decorating the church for Christmas.
7. #CYFSSLessoninlife. Post in your Multimedia account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 26: What does “all” mean?

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

General Concept: “All” means all created beings.

Biblical Reference: Galatians 3:26-29

Age-Level Concepts

- “All” means everything that God created.
- “All” includes those of different color, status, race, class, belief, and gender identity.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Define the word “all” and its connotation to our life and faith as a community of believers
- Discuss why there is discrimination even among God’s people
- Read the stance of the church with regards to people of different identities
- Affirm the principle of inclusivity as expressed in the Church’s statement

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday’s Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation -lan (Animated Short Movie)

Biblical Background

Galatians 3:26-29

Apostle Paul describes great privileges of all Christians under the gospel; and are no longer accounted servants, but children of God; not now kept at such a distance, and under such restraints as the Jews were. Having accepted Christ Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and relying on him alone for justification and salvation, they become the Children of God. But no outward forms or profession can secure these blessings; for if any person has not the Spirit of Christ, that person is none of Christ. In baptism we put on Christ; therein we profess to be Christ’s disciples. Being baptized into Christ, we are baptized into his death, that as he died and rose again, so we should die unto sin, and walk in newness and holiness of life. The putting on of Christ according to the gospel consists not in outward imitation, but in new birth, an entire change. With such realization also, we are all one in Christ’s Jesus no race, gender, or ideology can keep us apart. All are of the same value and purpose.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time. (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday’s lesson.

INCLUSIVENESS

Taking action to ensure that
others feel welcome and cared for

Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering **"WE ARE FAMILY". GBB 11-06-07**

We are family, we are one joint together in God's grace
We are family, we are partners in sharing love to the world.
... joy... hope... peace...

MAGKA-UGNAY BY JOEY AYALA

(SING ALONG WITH IT AND IN COMMUNITY DANCE)

Lupa, laot, langit ay magkaugnay ;Hayop, halaman, tao ay magkaugnay

CHORUS

Ang lahat ng bagay ay magkaugnay; Magkaugnay ang lahat

Tayo ay nakasakay sa mundong naglalakbay;
Sa gitna ng kalawakan Umiikot sa bituin na nagbibigay-buhay
sa halaman, sa hayop at sa atin (CHORUS)

Iisang pinagmulan iisang hantungan ng ating lahi;
Kamag-anak at katribo ang lahat ng narito
Sa lupa, sa laot at sa langit (CHORUS)

Lupa, laot, langit ay magkaugnay Hayop, halaman, tao ay magkaugnay

Opening Prayer

Great Creator God, we come before you today evoking your loving presence to
be with us as we learn more about being inclusive. May your Holy Spirit
enlighten us on how to live inclusively in the world you have made. Amen.

Getting Ready

Ian (Animated Short Movie) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpzncGkSqF4>

Ask the following:

- What is the film all about?
- What scene of the short movie that struck you most?
- What have you learned from that movie?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read aloud Galatians 3:26-29 and group the class into triads to answer the following questions.

Points to Reflect On

1. What does Paul say about being in one in Christ Jesus?
2. What does being one in Christ mean to you?
3. What is inclusivity? How does the text able to highlight exclusivity in the Christian community?

Lessons Learned

1. Have you experienced a time where you feel that you do not belong? When was this?
2. What did you feel about it? How did you overcome being excluded from a community?
3. What can you do to make all people feel welcome and cared for?

Applying the Lessons Learned

What Should You Do? Group the class into two and let them act out the following:

1. A cross-dresser male wanted to be a member of your church choir and wanted to sing with the sopranos.
2. A Person with HIV/AIDS wanted to be a member of your CYF.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:26-29

Offertory

Leader: We are an inclusive community, loving one another in Christ's Jesus. Let us give generously knowing that there are more people that we need to include in our circle of love and life.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response. “Bringing Your Tithe” (Tune: “Staying Alive” by Bee Gees)
We received God’s blessings and love and we stay alive, stay alive
We received God’s blessings and love that’s why we bring our tithe, bring our
tithe
Hahahaha bringing tithes that’s why we here for...
Bringing our tithe..... hit it!

+Thanksgiving Prayer
We give you these gifts as a sign of our inclusive love for you and our fellow
creatures. May these offerings include those who are least, lost and last. Amen.

+Closing Song **“FAMILY OF GOD”** *GBB 11-06-07*
We come together as one, we’re family in the household of God
Praising God to whom we belong, the Source of ev’ry one’s life.

Chorus
In the love that we give, in the faith that we live
Bringing us to a place we called home
In the care that we show, every joy we bestow
Joining us in the family of God.

We live together as one, Sisters-brothers in the household of God
Knowing God the head of our home, we live in community. (Cho.)

We serve together as one, We’re partners in the household of God
Bringing love, justice and peace; We serve with humility (Cho.)

We hope together as one; We are heirs in the household of God
Seeing vision of newness of life; We hope for new reality (Cho.)

+Prayer of Dedication
Thank you, God, for the lesson of inclusiveness. Here, we take and respond to
God’s call to let everyone feel welcome, love, and care for. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of December)
“Bind Us Together Lord”
Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love
There is only one God, there is only one king, there is only one body
and that is why we sing.
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- f. Help in decorating the church for Christmas
- g. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Multimedia account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 27: What does an abundant and meaningful life for all look like?

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

General Concept: An abundant and meaningful life is where everyone enjoys the fruits of their labor, basic social needs are met, and there is mutual respect for the dignity of life.

Biblical References: Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 11:5-6

Age-Level Concepts

- An abundant and meaningful life is when everyone benefits from the work that they do, and there is healthcare, housing, and education for all.
- An abundant and meaningful life is when people live with mutual respect rights.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Identify the basic needs that have been denied, people
- Differentiate between the needs and wants of a person
- Cite the Bill of Rights as written in the Philippine Constitution
- Discuss the ways by which these are upheld or not
- Affirm the belief of the Church to respect human rights and uphold the dignity of life

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, 10 Basic Human Right Copy, Manila Paper, and Crayons or colored pencils.

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

Psalm 146:5-10

The psalmist begins with the acclamation of praise to the Lord with all of one's life. This is a marvelous proclamation of the psalmist to center our lives in the one in whom lies our hope and life: "Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God" (verse 5). The wilderness through which they return will blossom forth as the glory of God is present with those who return. This is the God of strength for the infirm, giver of sight to the blind, and the one in whom joy and gladness break forth as "sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (verse 10). In other words, the reasons for praise are ample. Praise the Lord for creating the sky, earth, and sea, and all that is in them and for keeping faith without ceasing (verse 6). Praise the Lord, too, for giving justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, freedom to the imprisoned, and sight to the blind, not to mention a few other items, such as protecting strangers and supporting widows and orphans (verses 7-8). There's a lot of praiseworthiness here. The Psalmist shows us why the person who knows the Lord has many reasons to praise God's name. That those who place their trust in themselves or others have no reliable reasons for rejoicing, but all those whose faith is in God have more to praise for than they can ever comprehend!

Matthew 11:5-6

John was understandably confused by the turn of events: he was imprisoned, and Christ was carrying on a ministry of healing, not judgment, in Galilee, far from Jerusalem, the city of the king – and not finding a completely warm reception there (8:34), John wondered if he had misunderstood Jesus' agenda. It would be wrong to interpret this as a wavering of his faith (v.7). These disciples that John the Baptist sent were John's followers. John was imprisoned at this time. John proclaimed the coming of Christ and baptized Jesus. Now, he seemed to be going through a trial himself. Like the disciples, John, probably, really expected Jesus to take the physical rule of Israel then, so he questioned, are you the promised one? Even the "voice crying in the wilderness" was discouraged and doubting there in prison. This is so difficult to believe after he had heard the voice from heaven when he baptized Jesus. Matthew 11:4 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see:" Then He sent John's disciples back as eyewitnesses of many miracles. He performed these miracles in their presence just so that they could report back to John that they had personally seen proof that He was indeed the Messiah. In other words, the miracles Jesus mentioned to John's messengers were precisely those which Isaiah identified with the advent of the Messiah (Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1) in which he demonstrated it to the very life of the people especially the poor, and those in need which were more convincing than any words that He is indeed the promised Messiah.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time. (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.



Welcome each student with a tight hug and say, "God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it.". After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering. "Oh What A Beautiful Day My Jesus"

Oh, what a beautiful day my Jesus Oh what a beautiful day.
 Thank you, Lord, for sharing it with me. Oh, what a beautiful day.
 Birds are singing, bells are ringing Oh what a beautiful day.
 Flower's growing, rivers flowing All God's creatures seem to say
(Oh what a beautiful day my Jesus Oh what a beautiful day.) "

"He Came Singing Love"
 He came singing love and he lived singing love;
 He died singing love. He arose in silence.
 For the love to go on we must make it our song;
 You and I be the singers.
 Faith..... hope..... peace.

Opening Prayer

O God you promised an abundant and meaningful life to all. May we learn to live out this life for ourselves and to others alike. Be with us now, be with us here. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

Getting Ready

Instruct the learners to draw a picture or write a word or phrase that best describes a meaningful and abundant life for all. Make it clear to them that they cannot talk or communicate with other learners while doing this activity.

After 10 minutes of doing this activity, place it where everyone can see.
Ask them to describe the whole picture.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Read aloud Psalm 146:5-10 & Matthew 11:5-6 and divide the class into two groups and assign group 1 to focus on Psalm and the other group on Matthew 11. Let them answer the followings questions.

Points to Reflect On

1. What does the text say about meaningful and abundant life?
2. How does a person experience this kind of life?
3. What is a meaningful and abundant life for Jesus? (Group 2)
4. What is a meaningful and abundant life for the Psalmist? (Group 1)
5. Are we experiencing this meaningful and abundant life today?

Group Sharing (Ask a representative from each group to share their reflections)

Lessons Learned

Open Mic: Conversation of the whole Class. Throwing questions and letting the learners of each group comment on each issue?

1. Differentiate wants from needs? How do young people define their wants from the needs today?
2. What basic needs that a person must have?
3. In our Philippine Constitution, what basic rights do we need to be aware of?

The following are the Basic Rights:

- a. The right to life;
- b. The right not to be tortured nor subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- c. The right not to be subjected to forced labor;
- d. The right not to be imprisoned for non-payment of debt;
- e. The right not to be punished for an act which was not yet a crime at the time of its commission;
- f. The right to be recognized and treated as a person;
- g. The right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.
- h. The right to liberty and security of person. You can be deprived of liberty only on grounds and procedures established by the Constitution and existing law.
- i. The right not to be arrested except on evidence that a crime has been committed and that you probably committed it.

Applying the Lessons Learned

Read the following 10 facts about Human Rights in the Philippines. After reading, let the class reflect on the real situation of the Philippines and ask them, what can you commit to minimize or stopping these abuses/violations of human rights in the Philippines?

10 Facts About Human Rights in the Philippines

- As of January 2018, Human Rights Watch claims that over 12,000 drug suspects have been killed since the War on Drugs Commenced on July 1, 2016.
- From July 1, 2016, to September 26, 2017 - 3,906 suspected drug users and dealers were killed by police. These numbers from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency do not include deaths by unidentified gunmen — these so-called extra-judicial killings have been responsible for thousands of more deaths.
- An average of four Filipinos a day are killed by drive-by motorcycle attacks, according to data from the Philippines National Police.
- Between July 1, 2016, and September 26, 2017 - 118,287 drug personalities were arrested and 1,308,078 others surrendered to authorities. These numbers according to an official government report.
- Police have killed 56 children since the start of the War on Drugs according to Human Rights Watch.
- Since 1986, 177 Filipino reporters have been killed. According to Reporters Without Borders, the Philippines was the deadliest country in Asia for journalists in 2017. President Duterte has continually vilified journalists who have been critical of his administration.
- The Department of Labor and Employment reported that, as of 2017, 18,000 women and children work in dangerous small-scale gold mining operations in the Philippines.
- The Department of Social Welfare and Development stated that 85,570 child laborers work in the agricultural sector in the Philippines.
- More than 8,000 Filipinos were arrested from June 13 to June 26, 2018, for violating new anti-loitering laws. The laws have been labeled as discriminatory, essentially targeting and jailing poor Filipinos for being in public.
- As of September 2017, 94 percent of Filipinos behind bars were still awaiting their first day in court. The Department of Justice stated that it had over 700,000 outstanding cases.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God." -Psalm 146:5

Offertory: Having received abundant and meaningful life through Jesus Christ, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "All That We Have in Our Lives"

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 92

All that we have in our lives come from you gracious God,

We offer all these back to you to glorify your name.

Bless these our gifts to you for you are the source of life, O

Use us now in building up your kingdom here on earth

+Thanksgiving Prayer

We give not because we want more but we want to share as you share yourself
to us O God. Bless us these gifts and offerings so that all may live a
meaningful and abundant life for all. Amen.

+Closing Song

"All the Heaven are Celebrating"

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 128

All the heavens are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ,

our Lord and the angels now join in singing, for the Lord, our Savior is born.

Jesus Christ Christ our Lord, hope of nations. How the Light has shone above Happiness,

the world is enjoying. Shout for joy and praise the Lord.

All the stars the shone in the heavens join with the great celestial host lighting all the sky,
rejoicing for the Lord, our Savior is born. All creation joins in rejoicing that wondrous glorious
night, Jesus' birth to all proclaiming Shout for joy and praise the Lord.

Let us all join in celebrating. The birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Let us shout in jubilation Jesus
Christ, our Savior is born to Let's proclaim to all the nations, the good news of Jesus' birth God,
the Savior now is among us Shout for joy and praise the Lord.

+Prayer of Dedication

We experienced abundant and meaningful life in Jesus Christ and it's our calling to
share it with the whole creation by living our faith in Christ every day. Fill us with your
Holy Spirit O God and empower us to be doers of your Word. In Christ Jesus' Name.
Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of December)

"Bind Us Together Lord"

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Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

There is only one God, there is only one king, there is only one body

and that is why we sing.

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Lesson 28: Why do we need to be committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society towards an abundant and meaningful life for all?

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

General Concept: We need to be committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society towards an abundant and meaningful life for all because this is the will of God and we need to participate in the work towards its realization.

Biblical References: Psalm 80:17-19, Matthew 1:21-23

Age-Level Concepts

- We need to be committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society towards an abundant and meaningful life for all because it is God's will.
- We need to participate in the work toward its realization to show our obedience to God.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Discuss the significance of committing oneself to the work of realizing an abundant and meaningful life for all
- List down the reasons why we need to commit ourselves to the work towards an abundant and meaningful life
- Commit to participate in the work for a transformed church and society

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, and TV or Projector for the film showing, "The Speech".

Biblical Background

Psalm 80:17-19

It is considered as its origins as corporate prayer, with the congregation or a choir intoning the refrain. Particularly in verse 19, there are three verbs dominate the refrain: Restore (Hebrew shub), shine ('ur), save (yashab). The psalm exploits a dual meaning of the first word (shub). In the refrain, the word means "restore," and is a plea that God would change the circumstances of the people. But in v. 14, the word means "turn," or "repent" (cf. Psalm 90:13), and is a plea for God to change God's will concerning the people's situation. The poetic play on these two meanings of the word amounts to a faith assertion by the community--the solution to the people's situation rests in the heart of God. The people cannot change their own circumstances, but God can--simply by willing that the situation be reversed. Similarly, the plea that God "let your face shine" is plea for God's favor to radiate on the people, like the sun bathes the earth in light. In the psalms, God's disfavor is often pictured as God hiding God's face, or turning away from the community. Most people of faith are familiar with the words of the benediction: "May God's face shine on you" (cf. Numbers 6:25). The plea here is a prayer for the very thing that is promised in the benediction: God's shining forth in deliverance and blessing. One more aspect of the refrain is worth mentioning. The refrain builds in intensity each time it occurs, by adding to God's name, moving from the more generic "God" to the more proper and personal "O Lord God of hosts" Hence, the psalm closes with the people vowing to continue to "call on your name." This promise then leads to the last occurrence of the refrain which employs the most personal and intense form of God's name in the psalm: "O LORD God of hosts." God's "name" is a shorthand formula for the relationship between God and God's people. God gave the people the name so they could call upon him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and so that they would bear God's name in their mission to love, bless, and save the nations.

Psalms 72:1-7 This psalm is identified as one of the nine Royal Psalms (2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 110, 132) that sing praise to the king as God's chosen representative on earth. They are prayers from Israel's worship life for the king and his role as earthly ruler. Verse 1 sets the tone and contains the only petitions voiced to God in the imperative (with emphasis added through the parallel structure): "Give the king your justice ... [and] the king's son your righteousness." Saving justice is a trademark of God's reign and must be embodied by God's agent in the world. The rest of the psalm is organized around a long series of petitions that being with, "May he ..." The psalm asks that God grant the king -- and the people, through the king's reign -- righteousness, justice, prosperity, protection (from oppressors), a name that endures, shalom (well-being), political dominion, and -- as a spontaneous response to these missional priorities -- the tribute and admiration of the nations.

Matthew 1: 21-23

Joseph and Mary were not yet married, when Joseph was shocked to learn that Mary was pregnant. Since Mary had been promised to him in marriage, Joseph had the right, according to Jewish custom, to report the matter to the authorities and have Mary dealt with for marital unfaithfulness. Joseph was a morally upright man but he was also compassionate. Instead of acting spitefully towards Mary, he tried to protect her from public shame by breaking the engagement secretly. God then intervened to show Joseph that Mary's pregnancy was

miraculous, pure and of the Holy Spirit. The son to be born to her would be Israel's long-awaited Messiah, whose mission was not to save his people from foreign domination but to save them from sin ([Matthew 1:18-21](#)).

Being a person of faith, Joseph believed God. He took Mary as his wife, though he had no sexual relations with her before the birth of Jesus ([Matthew 1:22-25](#)).

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson)

your
and
We

Songs
Are You
Who side are
I'm leaning on

The abundant life is not a
measure of life at all, but a
way of living. It is not about
having, but about giving.

Luis G. Pedraja

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Welcome each student with
best smile and a hug. After
gathering around, say this
statement "Whoever you are
whatever you are on life's
journey, all are welcome here.
are here for a purpose."

of Gathering "Who Side
Leaning On?"
you leaning on?
the Lord side (2x)

I lean, I lean, I lean, I lean
Leaning on the Lord side (2x)

"Fight the Good Fight"
[Tune: To God Be the Glory]
This life with its struggles and hardships and pain,

This journey we make here need not be in vain.
Each day and each moment we spend on this earth
Is well spent indeed if we fight the good fight.

*Chorus: Stand and fight, stand and fight! Let the Lord be our shield!
Let the word - His holy word - be the sword that we wield!
Hold on to your faith now and run this race true,
And fight the good fight till the journey is through!*

This God who created and gave us all life
Has given us also a reason to live.
Our meaning and purpose is found when we learn:
As he has loved us, we should love in return.

And this is the secret - the myst'ry of life:
You only find fullness when empty of self!
When he pours you out as a drink offering,
You find the true joy only Jesus can bring

What great joy awaits us when this race is done,
When this fight is over and vict'ry is won!
How sweet the reward that awaits you and I,
If we hold our faith and we fight the good fight.

+Opening Prayer

We come before your presence O God with gratefulness and love. Thank you for giving us abundant and meaningful life. It is your will not just for us who believe in you but to all of your creation. Guide us now as we learn more of your will to all of us. Amen.

Getting Ready

Show this movie clip about The Speech by Charlie Chaplin.

<https://www.facebook.com/StorIzibika/videos/479838589244892/UzpfSTewMDAwMDA5NTcwODM3MzoyNzk0Njg2NTczODc3ODM5/>

Ask the following:

- What does the short clip is telling us about abundant and meaningful life for all?
- How does it describe God's kingdom here on earth?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Group the class into two and assign them a text.

- Group 1: Psalm 72:1-7
- Group 2: Psalm 80:17-19.

Points to Reflect On

1. In Psalm 80:17-19, what does the Psalmist say about God's will for all life?
2. How would God be able to realize the promise for the people?
3. In Psalm 72:1-7, what is the vital role of the government or king in realizing God's will for God's people.
4. What is our participation as co-builders of making life abundant and meaningful?
5. How will you commit to this work of transformation?

Group Sharing (Ask a representative from each group to share their reflections)

Lessons Learned

Show the Short Film entitled "Finding God" to the whole class.

https://www.facebook.com/patty.bryant1/videos/10221151792488657/UzpfSTewMDAwMDA5NTcwODM3MzoyNzk1NDMxODkwNDY5OTc0/?notif_id=1572676937236050¬if_t=feedback_reaction_generic

1. How does the short film describe God?
2. What simple acts of love does the kid show to the old woman?
3. How do we show our love to others?
4. In what way can we let others experience God's abundant and meaningful life?
5. Why is it significant for you to commit to doing God's will?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Give 3 (three) acts that you will do and will commit in doing to usher God's meaningful and abundant life to all people and God's creation. Shortly explain why you choose these.

eg. Plant a tree, feed the hungry & greeting people with a smile

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "Restore us, Lord God Almighty, make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." Psalm 80:19

Offertory: Let us offer now our gifts and love to God who is the fount and source of all blessings. Let us give cheerfully and with great joy knowing that these givings will help those who are in need.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "Bringing Your Tithe" (Tune: "Staying Alive" by Bee Gees)

We received God's blessings and love and we stay alive, stay alive
We received God's blessings and love that's why we bring our tithe, bring our tithe
Hahahaha bringing tithes that's why we here for...

Bringing our tithe..... hit it!

+Thanksgiving Prayer

May you bless us O God that we may continuously give to others, use us to be your channel of blessings that we may continuously show your goodness, and teach us to be humble that we may continuously seek your help. Amen.

+Closing Song

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

+Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, God, for making us your partners in giving abundant and meaningful life to your whole creation. Empower and guide us to be inclusive in giving our love and care to all. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of December)

"Bind Us Together Lord"

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Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love
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6. Help in decorating the church for Christmas.
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Lesson 29: As a church, how do we become a responsible, empowered, self-reliant and caring community of Christian believers committed to the pursuit of a transformed church and society towards an abundant and meaningful life for all?

First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2019

General Concept: The Church must educate, mobilize and act.

Biblical References: Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:11b-12, 1 Corinthians 1:2-9

Age-Level Concepts

- The Church can become a responsible, empowered, self-reliant and caring community of believers by educating its members.
- The Church can attain its vision by mobilizing its members and doing concrete activities towards the realization of abundant and meaningful life for all.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Cite concrete actions and strategies used by the Church to educate and enjoin members to commit themselves to the realization of abundant and meaningful life for all
- Discuss other ways that the Church can do to help educate and mobilize the members to involve in the work of becoming a responsible, empowered, self-reliant and caring community of believers
- Invite other people to join our Church

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 63:7-9

The account functions as a recital of the past faithfulness of God, a literary element that oftentimes begins many lament Psalms (e.g., Psalm 89:1-37). The thanksgiving in verse 7 is rather

generic, a recitation offered numerous times throughout the Psalter. The word “ḥasadim”, translated as "gracious deeds" and "steadfast love", is a word that describes the loyalty of Yahweh to his covenantal relationship to Israel. In a time when nothing good could be said of their situation, they can at minimum, acknowledge the basic and undeniable fact that God has been good to them in the past and that they continue to be his people today. Yahweh reminds Israel in verse 8 that as God's covenant people they are characterized as "children who do not deal falsely." Moreover, verse 9 then recalls the events of the exodus, particularly the episode in Exodus 33:1-34:9. This text describes how Yahweh assures Moses that his presence will remain with him despite Israel's disobedience in the golden calf incident. Israel's first redemption, the exodus from Egypt, was followed shortly with the disappointment of a false and deceitful people. Nevertheless, Yahweh did not depart from his people and continued to be their savior through their distress, particularly their wilderness wanderings.

Hebrews 2:11-12

Three Old Testament quotations emphasize the union that exists between Christ and the men and women he has saved. He calls them his brothers and sisters, he trusts in God as they do, and he and these his children are God's new people (11-13).

Christ became a human being to save human beings, and he did so by living with them and dying for them. His death was a victory, not a defeat, for by it he set people free from the power of Satan. Those whom he saves are now free from the fear and bondage that sin brings (14-15). The reason Christ descended to a status lower than angels was that the people he wanted to save were lower than angels (16). By sharing their experiences of human life, he could be their representative in taking away sin. He could also be their helper in gaining victory over life's temptations (17-18).

I Corinthians 1:2-9

The text emphasizes Paul's theme of being “called.” Paul describes himself as one whom God has “called” to be an apostle of Jesus Christ. In 1:2, Paul informs the Corinthians that they are saints by “calling.” In 1:9, Paul closes our section by referring to those whom God “called” into fellowship. In 1:24, Paul speaks of Jews and Gentiles who “are called.” In 1:26, he speaks of the Corinthians’ call to salvation. The idea of God’s calling is everywhere in this chapter! For Paul, God’s call to salvation and apostleship was essential to life and ministry. It reminded him that his true allegiance was to God, not man. Paul goes on to state that he was called “by the will of God.” This gave him an even greater sense of confidence and perseverance. Particularly, Paul speaks of these Corinthian Christians as “the Church of God which is at Corinth” (v. 2a). The church belongs to God, not to them. They aren’t the church of Corinth, but the church of God.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday’s lesson.)



Welcome each _____ student with a tight hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering "I Want to Be in Tune"

I want to be in tune with infinity love with divinity trust with simplicity
I want to trust with outmost humility I am a Child of God
I am a child of God 2x
I want to be in tune with infinity love with divinity trust with simplicity,
I want to serve with utmost humility I am a child of God

"Let Justice Flow like Streams" NCH # 588 tune: St. Thomas

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water
pure enabling growth, refreshing life
abundant cleansing sure

Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed

So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true
And justice right and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

Opening Prayer

O God, the Nurturer of our faith, we humbly come before your presence seeking your word. Open our hearts, minds, and souls as we experience your transforming Spirit. Amen.

Getting Ready

Show a short film on Youtube entitled, "The Genius of the Filipino Poor" by Thomas Graham. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-JxeTd8kAw>)

Allow learners to discuss these Filipino values that are innate in our system that can help transform our church and society. (Bayanihan and Walang Iwanan System)

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read aloud the biblical texts and divide the learners into 3 groups. Assign to each group as biblical text.

Points to Reflect On

Group1 - Isaiah 63:7-9,

- What does the prophet Isaiah say about God?
- How did the people of Israel responded to God's faithfulness?
- How does one respond to God's faithfulness?
- In what ways the Church can show its faithfulness to God in these changing times?

Group 2 - Hebrews 2:11-12

- How did the Messiah show His faithfulness?
- As followers of the Messiah who is Christ Jesus, what lesson can we, as a church, learn about Jesus' obedience to God's will?

Group 3 - 1 Corinthians 1:2-9

- How did Apostle Paul able to accomplish his calling as an apostle to the Gentiles?
- How does "true allegiance to God" work in our Church as we do our mission for the transformation of church and society towards an abundant and meaningful life for all?

Sharing of Reflections

Lessons Learned: Class Activity

Identify church nurturing program(s) that enjoin members to commit themselves to the realization of an abundant and meaningful life to all. What activities that you think we should include in our nurturing program? In what way we can improve our recent nurturing ministry?

eg.

Nurturing Program	Suggestion to improve	Another option	Core Lesson
Sunday School	1. Reschedule that all young people can participate 2. Class Centered rather than Teacher centered	1. Tambayan. Chill Session 2. Open Mic. Just ask anything 3. Exposure	1. Faith in Jesus Christ 2. Faith that moves us to action-loving all God's creation 3. Life in Christ Jesus

Nurturing Program	Suggestion to improve	Another option	Core Lesson
	3. More creative activities		

Applying the Lessons Learned

Make a class suggestion of a nurturing program that will involve committing one's self, the church and community to be God's partner in building a meaningful and abundant life for all God's Creation. Plan the date, what to do, and the commitment of the whole class. Urge each learner to invite at least 3 friends who are not members of the church to join and engage in the whole work.

eg. New Year- New Trees to plant" Program
 Visiting the Prisoners
 Volunteering in the Care for the Aged Community

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:9

Offertory: When we give, we show how we learn about Christ Jesus who gave himself for us to live. Let us give and live out Christ's way of life.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "Doxology" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 94
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above you heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

+Thanksgiving Prayer

These gifts are but symbols of our love to you O God that we freely give. May it be used for your mighty deeds. Amen.

+Closing Song "We Are Not Our Own" NCH ,564 by Brian Wren,1987

We are not our own. Earth forms us, human leaves on nature's growing vine,
the fruit of many generations, seeds of life divine.

We are not alone. Earth names us: past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us; dying, living, love is fully known,
and in bread and wine reminds us: we are not our own.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving, and with justice, willing and aware,
give to the earth, and all things living, liturgies of care.

And if love's encounters lead us on a way uncertain and unknown,
all the saints with prayer surround us: We are not alone.

Let us be a house of welcome, living stone upholding living stone,
gladly showing all our neighbors we are not our own!

+Prayer of Dedication

You called us to be Nurturer to your People, O God. May you empower us with
your wisdom and love, that in our nurturing task we bring others to be our fellow
nurturer of peace, hope, and love. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of December)

“Bind Us Together Lord”

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

There is only one God, there is only one king, there is only one body
and that is why we sing.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with love

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of December:

- a. Christmas Cards for those who are in the hospital, the police and soldiers; and those in jail
- b. Volunteer at local projects like Home for the Aged, DSWD, Boy's Town, Happy Home- Home for the Mentally-Challenged People.
- c. Start a gratitude jar in one's local church.
- d. Make a Church Calendar or Christmas Cards to give to all families in the church.
- e. Organize a Youth Caroling activity to carol those families in the slam areas and bring Christmas goodies for their children.

- f. Help in decorating the church for Christmas
- g. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Multimedia account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 30: What is the church's mission?

Epiphany Sunday

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 5, 2020

General Concept: The Church has no mission other than the mission of Christ; the Church simply continues the mission of Christ.

Biblical References: Jeremiah 31:8-9, Ephesians 1:3-14

Age-Level Concepts

- The Church has no mission other than the mission of Christ.
- The Church simply continues the mission of Christ.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Try to distinguish Christ's mission from the Church's mission today
- Give reasons as to why the Church should continue the mission of Christ
- Assess the kind of mission the church is engaged in today
- Commit to actively involved in carrying out Christ's mission

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation.

Biblical Background

Jeremiah 31:8-9

This biblical account emphasized the affirmation that God will bring the people "from the land of the north" and "from the farthest part of the east" (31:8) recalls the enemy God raised from those regions to ride into battle against daughter Zion (6:22). The woman in labor, who embodied the community's experience of chaos and anguish (see 6:24), still labors, but now she stands as a tentative assurance of new life. Even the language of gathering ([I am going to] "gather them", verse 8) recalls Jeremiah's call for the people to "gather" together in the fortified cities, fleeing for safety, from the foe from the north (Jeremiah 4:5-6). This is a gathering of those who survived, happy merely not to stumble... and eventually to enjoy good food and wine and company, to laugh and dance (31:12-13). Newly restored, the people relish ordinary life. But at the same time, they remember the sons and daughters, and fathers and mothers, who did not survive. They will never forget the trauma of their past, but they will enjoy a certain peace. Moreover, In Jeremiah's restored community, however, there will be no need for Torah's exhortation to care for the

widow and the orphan. The lame and the broken will no longer be relegated to the edges of society, left to glean the leftovers. Instead in this new society, they - the blind and the lame, and the pregnant and laboring women - will no longer live on the periphery. They will be valued as and at the heart of the community. Images like this one encourage Israel to view its marginality as the core of its communal identity. Instead of decrying and lamenting their marginal status (as an exiled people in Babylon or as a people stifled under Persian rule), their vulnerability should, according to Jeremiah, now define them. God's act of gathering the people back to the land restores them to blessing but not necessarily to power. Accordingly, nationalism, military might, and full treasuries -- even temple glories -- are not objects of hope for Jeremiah. Instead, Jeremiah sees hope in the faces of the broken and the forgotten. There he finds the essence of Israelite identity... and the basis for his particular image of renewal.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Ephesians is a letter about living together amid human differences. The author writes as a Jew to a largely Gentile audience with the message that in Christ God has “made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:14). The letter acknowledges that living with differences requires effort: it takes humility, gentleness, and patience (Ephesians 4:2-3). In this text, God is praised for having chosen and adopted the church as God’s people. Verse 4 states that “God chose us” to be holy and blameless, and verse 5 adds, “He destined us for adoption as his children.” The verb in verse 11 “we have obtained an inheritance” is difficult to translate but also carries the sense of having been appointed or chosen for this inheritance. The author pours out praise to God for having chosen us. The people God has chosen include both Jews and Gentiles. At the end of the passage, the author describes himself as part of one group that was “the first to set our hope on Christ” (Ephesians 1:2), alongside another group including the recipients of the letter “who also heard the word of truth...and believed in him” (v. 13). Moreover, the writer portrays Christ as it appears throughout the passage, as an important part of God’s plan for choosing the people. God chose us “through Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 1:5). God gave grace “that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved” (v. 6). The letter will go on to describe Christ’s central role in the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles: “So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near ... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:17-19). God’s will is revealed through the death of Jesus (Ephesians 2:13, 16) as a choice of one community composed of two races (Jews and Gentiles) that previously were hostile to each other.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday’s lesson.)



Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement
"Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We
are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering "Move and Freeze"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=388Q44ReOWE>

Chorus:

C'mon, move and freeze. C'mon, move and freeze.

C'mon, move and freeze. C'mon, move and freeze.

Put your right hand on your left knee, your left hand on your right. Your knees move
in and out. Your hands stay tight. Now keep on with your moving but switch hands on
your knees. Keep on moving in and out till we say freeze.

Put one hand across your shoulder one hand across your back. Now jump in place. Do you like it
like that? Now switch hands across your shoulders
and switch hands across your back. Now just be nimble, just be quick, just like Jack.

Everybody shake your body from your head down to your feet. And don't stop shaking until we
stop the beat. Shake it to the east and shake it to the west. Shake it, shake it, shake it with my
friends who are the best.

Put your right hand on your head, your left on someone's knee. Now turn once in a circle and
buzz like a bee. Now turn the other way, don't let go or lose your spot.
Keep turning left, keep turning right until the music stops.
"Alright, you can move now."

"Go Tell Everyone" [Aleluya 104]

God's Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do, what I have to do

Ref.: *He sent me to preach the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more*

*Tell blind people that they can see and set the down-trodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come!*

Just as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you out to be
My witness through the world, the whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say, don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart, will speak in your heart...

Opening Prayer

We thank you O God for your saving grace for all of us. As we learn more about your mission, may we be able to do your work. Amen.

Getting Ready

Cookie on the Mouth Game. Select 10 learners to participate in this game. Let others cheer those who will participate.

Instruction:

Put the cookie on your eye and move it without using your hands but only using your facial muscles to reach it to your mouth. The first one to consume the cookie without remaining crumbs in one's mouth wins the game.

After the game, ask the learners about the following questions.

1. What was the mission of the game?
2. How did you accomplish the mission?
3. When you were able to do the mission, how do you feel about it?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read aloud the biblical texts in Jeremiah 31:8-9 and Ephesians 1:3-14. Group the class into triads and allow them to choose one text to discuss and reflect upon.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is God's mission in the text?
2. What is Christ's mission?
3. How does Christ's mission relate to the mission of God found in the text?
4. Is God's mission still the mission of your church today? Distinguish God's mission from the Church's mission today.

Sharing through Charade. The triad can let the whole class guess a word that best sums up their discussion about the mission of Christ. (eg. Evangelism, Bible, Proclaiming the Good News, Poor, Prisoners, Oppressed, and Day of the Lord)

Lessons Learned

In the Class, ask the learners of the recent programs and activities of one's local church. Let them assess each program/ activity whether it resonates with Christ's mission.

Christ's Mission	Church's Mission	Assessment	Recommendation
Proclaim the Gospel to the poor	Evangelism/ Each one Reach One	No one proclaims the gospel for no one knows how to share the gospel	Equip the members to evangelize
Proclaim freedom to the prisoners			
Recovery of Sight for the Blind			
Set the oppressed free			
Proclaim the year of the Lord			

Applying the Lesson Learned

Encourage the Class to make a youth activity this week that will embody Christ's mission today. (Example: Visiting your local Prisoners, Sharing the Gospel to a friend or family)

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

- Luke 4:18-19

Offertory: Giving is our response in the call of doing Christ's mission today. Let us give generously and do the Mission of Christ both here and abroad, from now until the last breath of our lives.

Giving of Offerings

+Offering Response "Doxology" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 94
Praise God the Source of life and birth; Praise God the Son who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame, All glory, honor to God's name. Amen

+Thanksgiving Prayer

We give not just our money but also our commitment to do your mission, O God.
May these offerings be used to help those who are in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

+Closing Song

"Mision" By Gary Granada

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-fyjTbeb1s>)

Prayer of Dedication

We have no other mission but Christ's mission. Equip us, O Lord to do your mission in these changing times; strengthen us to be steadfast in doing Your work and give us wisdom to be creative in reaching the lost, the least, and the last. In Christ's Name. Amen.

Response

"How Great is Our God"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SJkkkMVtOI&list=PLm4iubVTpZjCmawb7SvDgJ7GxBa-g_6pm

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of January:

- a. Sister Church. With the consultation with your pastor, create a tie-up or partnership with one of the local churches under your circuit fellowship/ district. Conduct joint youth fellowship activities for the whole month. (eg UCCP Lapasan youth with UCCP Tagoloan)
- b. Start a Bible Study Center in one's neighborhood. With your pastor, organize a Youth Bible Study that is community-based.
- c. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 31: What does it mean to establish a community of faith?

Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2020

General Concept: To establish the community of faith means to firmly root, propagate and strengthen it for it to last.

Biblical References: Isaiah 42:5-9

Age-Level Concepts

- To establish the community of faith means it has to be firmly rooted in its beliefs, and understand its beginnings and ministries.

- For a community of faith to be established, it has to expand its growth and proliferate.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Explain their understanding of the phrase “to establish the faith community”
- Give their observation of how deep church members have understood and embraced the beliefs, principles, and programs of the Church
- Suggest ways on how the Church can proliferate and grow with the help of the young people

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday’s Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation. Collage Materials: Crayons, Water Colors, Manila Paper, broad pen, glue or glue gun, and pair of scissors.

Biblical Background

Isaiah 42:5-9

Isaiah proclaims God’s spirit-filled servant- not a conqueror or tyrant but someone who is an agent of God ,a liberator who will bring justice, not domination. God works to bring justice “in the earth,” that is, to bring it to all, everywhere. God sends this servant to persevere until justice is done all the way “to the coastlands” (verse 4).

God purposes the chosen people, to be “a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness” (verses 6-7). God calls them to righteousness not for themselves alone, but the nations. Isaiah reminds this exiled people that God has not abandoned them but is indeed at work among them, restoring them to be a blessing.

This is good news! God is still God. God’s people are still God’s people in their particularity, yet with a purpose that extends beyond themselves to all the earth. Notice that the reassurance Isaiah offers is not triumphalistic. There is no talk of revenge, of turning the tables on the Babylonians, no “let’s kick butt and take names.” Rather Isaiah shifts Israel’s gaze here from themselves back to the wide casting of God’s promise and plan. The horizon of possibility is no longer the hand in front of my face but the very edge of the earth’s curvature. A roomy expanse for God to “declare new things” that “spring forth” (verse 9). This is a vision that is full of the future.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday’s lesson)



Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement
"Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here.
We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering " We Are Unity" by Umosia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BS_apbK7L0

I have a dream a dream of what I wanna be; I wanna be free
That's what my heart keeps telling me give me your hand
we'll find the way there's people out there we feel the same.
If we help each other i just know we can succeed .

Chorus

We are one but we are different we're from all around the world
We share the same sun we share the same ocean
We're every boy and girl come together and share our dreams
To be among the stars and we know that its destiny and we are unity we are unity.

I do believe oh i believe in destiny
It's up to me to make it in to reality give me your hand
We'll find the way there's people out there we feel the same
If we help each other i just know we can succeed

Coda

No matter where you're from or who you are; we can find the common place
To be that we are friends (Chorus)

Opening Prayer

We come before your presence, O God, ready to hear your word and be amazed at
your presence. Open all our senses that we may encounter you personally and
experience the transformation of our being. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Getting Ready

Amoeba Game

Group the class into 2s. Let the 2nd person hold the back of the first person, as they begin to form a line. Let two groups of 2 play the game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. The group that lost the game will join the winning group. Do it until it becomes one group.

- What is your strategy for winning the game?
- How did you accomplish this?
- How do you create a community?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read aloud [Isaiah 42:5-9](#), the biblical text of today's lesson. Group the class into a triad and let them discuss the following questions. Choose one question to share with the whole class.

Points to Reflect On

1. How does the prophet Isaiah describe God's calling to the people of Israel?
2. What is God's calling for the people of Israel?
3. How did the people of Israel realize God's calling?
4. How do we become a Christian Community?
5. What do you believe is God's calling for our Christian community today?

Class Sharing

Lessons Learned

Class Discussion on the following questions.

1. What is your understanding of the phrase, "to establish the faith community." in today's context?
2. In your observation, how deep is our Local Church's understanding of its beliefs, principles, and programs?
3. How does a local church manifest its rootedness of one's faith in Christ, beliefs and traditions in these changing world?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Suggest ways on how your local church able to proliferate and grow with the help of the young people. The learners are encouraged to make a collage that will vividly describe the participation of the young people in the Church's proliferation and maturity.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse

"I, the Lord have called you in righteousness; I will keep taking hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42: 6-7

Offertory: A visible sign of a well-rooted community of faith is shown in their givings.
Let us flowingly and generously give for God's purpose and mission.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "Blessed Are Those Who Give"

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 95

Blest are they, Lord who offer to you, joyful hearts with sincerity
Jesus Christ, grant to them grace abounding
and love overflowing from you Lord our God.

Blessed are they Lord, who offer to you joyful hearts with sincerity
Jesus Christ, grant to them abounding
And blessings from heaven they'll surely receive.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Our joy of giving is not on the amount we received from you O God but how it
helped us to continue in living our faith in you. Accept these offerings and use them
in expanding your Reignship here on earth. Amen.

+Closing Song *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free, and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

+Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, God, for calling us to be your partners in doing Christ's mission to the world.
May we learn to firmly root ourselves in your words and obediently follow where Christ

trod. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may refill our enthusiasm in your mission work. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Response **"How Great is Our God"**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SJkkkMVtOI&list=PLm4iubVTpZjCmawb7SvDgJ7GxBa-g_6pm

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- c. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 32: Why do we need to establish a community of faith?

Second Sunday after the
Epiphany
January 19, 2020

General Concept: We need to establish a community of faith so that it becomes a stronghold of faithful witnesses.

Biblical References: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, John 1:29-41

Age-Level Concepts

- We need to establish a community of faith so that it becomes a refuge where the faithful witnesses gather.
- We need to establish a community of faith so that it becomes a wellspring of resources for doing mission.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Enumerate the advantages of establishing the faith community
- Explain how building up God's people can help in doing Christ's mission
- Affirm the need to establish the community of faith

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse,

TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation, Games- print out numbers in the set of 2 (0-9).

Biblical Background

Isaiah 49:1-7

It is God's intention for God's people to gather and establish a community of faith. Not the other way around that people are gathering themselves just for the sake of fun. Qahal means gathered people of God. This is the Hebrew concept of Church as a gathered people of God called for a purpose and that is to be the light to all nations.

In Isaiah 49:1-7, the prophet Isaiah described what the Servant of the Lord looks like, his character and calling. God knew him from his conception in his mother's womb to the process of making his mouth like a sharpened sword, making him a polished arrow and concealed him in God's quiver. Isaiah's narration about the servant portrays a covenantal relationship between God and the Servant - a relationship that is intimate and characterized by the obedience and loyalty.

John 1:29-41

The gospel of Jesus according to John 1:29-41 validates Jesus' Messianic claim as testified by John the Baptist himself and the experiences of the Disciples encountered with Jesus. Gathering the disciples involved an indirect and direct invitation from Jesus. There were those who Jesus invited personally but there were those disciples who were invited by their brothers and friends. The sense of awesomeness drew them to Christ Jesus himself. First, it was a sort of tagging along and later on, they became martyrs of Christ's sake and cause.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Being together as a community of faith gives a great advantage. In the letter of Paul to the church in Corinth, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, Paul encouraged the believers about the value of coming together where Christ enriched them in every way- with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge. Through such gathering, God was confirming their testimony about Christ and making each one firm in their faith in Christ to the end.

Gathering the community of faith is not an option but a natural flow of expanding God's mission to the ends of the world. It is both here and abroad, now and till the end of time, and it involves every person and creature of God's cosmic reality.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson)

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."
~ Albert Einstein

Welcome each student with a hug and converse with him/her to catch up with one another. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering "We Are Gathered Here"

We are gathered here in Jesus' name to sing our praises to God 2x
Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit the three in one 2x

"We Are Travelers"

We are travelers in this world, we're traveling with our Savior
and together, we will walk in justice and of peace

Thumbs in.... Shoulders' out... knees bend...
feet apart... tongues' out... turn around...

Opening Prayer

You called us O God to be here, not just by an accident but by your divine appointment. May we give our all that Your will be done as we engage your holy presence. Amen.

Getting Ready

The Number Game. Have a number set of 2 prepared from 0-9. One number each written on a short bond paper. Group the learners into 2 and assign them with a number or numbers. Let them arrange themselves accordingly based on what number you ask them to do. Example. 756,0123 - They have to arrange themselves according to this number.

1. How did you play the game number? Are you tagged along with members or actively participating?
2. How do you play it best?

3. What have you observed in your group as well as to yourself in becoming a community?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read aloud Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, John 1:29-41, the biblical texts of today's lesson. Group the class into a triad and let them choose at least 2 texts to discuss and answer the following questions. Choose one striking question to share with the whole class.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the essence of being called by God?
2. Enumerate the advantages that we can have by establishing the faith community?
3. How can the text able to help us in building up God's people?
4. How does the text help us in doing God's mission in these changing times?

Class Sharing: Select one question to share

Lessons Learned

Knowing what we can experience great things in establishing the faith community, Allow the learners to enumerate services and ministries done by the faith communities. Divide the class into two and present their sharing through an act out or skit about promotional invitation entitled, "Here in CYF _____. Join now!"

Sharing of their Group Work

Applying the Lessons Learned

Gather all learners and form them into a circle and each learner can fill up this sentence of commitment.

"What I best appreciate in our CYF community is _____.
I commit myself to God by being _____ in all CYF
activities and I will try to invite _____ (name of the friend who is not a
CYFer) to join in our community."

Closing Worship

Memory Verse: "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord."- 1 Corinthians 1:9

Offertory: We give because we received so much coming from God. Let us give
generously as we are generously receiving God's bounty and love.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Doxology” Hymnal of Faith Journey, 94
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

+Thanksgiving Prayer
For the bounty we give is never enough to thank you O God, but still, we freely give
that others may also have. May these gifts become Your blessings to others. In
Christ’s Name, Amen.

+Closing Song “You Are Salt for the Earth” Hymnal of Faith Journey, 246

You are salt for the earth, O People, salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God.

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace
Bring forth the kingdom of justice. Bring forth the city of God!

You are the light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright O people; shine for the kingdom of God! (Refrain)

You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! (Refrain)

We are a bless’d and a pilgrim people. bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland; love is the kingdom of God!

+Prayer of Dedication
We thank you O God for bringing us all here to realize that you gathered us to do
your mission. Empower and grant us your wisdom to be your light and salt to the
world. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

Response “How Great is Our God”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SJkkkMVtOI&list=PLm4iubVTpZiCmawb7SvDgJ7GxBa-g_6pm

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

Month of January:

a. Sister Church. With the consultation with your pastor, create a tie-up or partnership
with one of the local churches under your circuit fellowship/ district. Conduct joint

youth fellowship activities for the whole month. (eg UCCP Lapasan youth with UCCP Tagoloan)

b. Start a Bible Study Center in one's neighborhood. With your pastor, organize a Youth Bible Study that is community-based.

c. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 33: What does it mean to unite the community of faith?

Third Sunday after the
Epiphany

January 26, 2020

General Concept: To unite the community of faith means to become one in beliefs, aspirations, and principles towards a common prophetic witness.

Biblical References: Isaiah 9:2, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Matthew 4:12-23

Age-Level Concepts

- To unite the community of faith means that they should become one in their beliefs and aspirations.
- To unite the community of faith means to embrace the same principles towards a common prophetic expression of beliefs.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Cite examples of beliefs, aspirations, and principles they have learned which they think are relevant to the life and work of the community of faith today
- Discuss how these beliefs, principles, and aspirations can help them get involved in a common prophetic witness
- Affirm that the Church's beliefs, aspirations, and principles unite the community of faith

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, art materials, illustration board

Biblical Background

Isaiah 9:2

Unity in the community comes with the self-realization of one's situation and the determination to make an impact that will give a better and more meaningful life. In Isaiah 9:2, the prophet Isaiah gave hope to the people of Israel in spite of the series of tribulation happened to both Kingdoms. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; and for those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. The light which Isaiah mentioned was the promised Messiah that will reign in everlasting peace.

Matthew 4:12-23

The Gospel of Jesus as told by Matthew quoted the prophetic message of hope and this time it pertains to Jesus who is the Messiah, our Emmanuel-God with us. Like the Israelites from Isaiah to Jesus' time, they had one belief that God will deliver them from their misery and free them from captivity. They had a unified aspiration that Jesus, is the Messiah who is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, and Everlasting father. As a community of faith, they were one in the hope of a life free from all kinds of bondage.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Apostle Paul unified the believers in I Corinthians 1:10. Here, he urged them all to agree with one another in what they say and that there be no division within themselves, but that they should be perfectly united in mind and thought in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unity is important for the sake of letting others see the light of God. In unity among believers, others will see Jesus Christ clearly for there is harmony and order in the community living and doing the mission Christ entrusted to them.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time (Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson)

**UNITY DOES NOT MEAN
SAMENESS. IT MEANS
ONENESS OF PURPOSE.**

PRISCILLA SHIRER

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Welcome _____ each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

+Songs of Gathering "It's a Great Thing to Praise the Lord"
It's a Great Thing to Praise the Lord(3x)"
When we're all walking in the Light of God
[(Walk 4x) in the Light]4x
Walking in the Light of God.

... Love ... Serve

“We Are Unity” by Umosia

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BS_apbK7LQ

I have a dream a dream of what I wanna be I wanna be free
That's what my heart keeps telling me give me your hand
We'll find the way there's people out there we feel the same.
If we help each other i just know we can succeed .

Chorus

We are one but we are different we're from all around the world
We share the same sun we share the same ocean
We're every boy and girl come together and share our dreams
To be among the stars and we know that its destiny
And we are unity we are unity.

I do believe oh I believe in destiny it's up to me
To make it in to reality give me your hand we'll find the way
There's people out there we feel the same
If we help each other i just know we can succeed.

Coda

No matter where you're from or who you are we can find the commonplace
to be that we are friends (Chorus)

+Opening Prayer

We come before You O God, willing to be filled with your wisdom and love. Be with us as we study your word and engage us to be creative in realizing your teachings. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Getting Ready

Show a short film about the strength of being united.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewe1DlyIfOo>)

- What is the importance of unity in the community of faith?
- How would you explain the essence of unity as portrayed in the film?
- Is there unity in your faith community or CYF? What makes you say so?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read aloud the biblical texts: Isaiah 9:2, 1 Corinthians 1:10. Group the class by triads and discuss the following points to reflect on.

Points to Reflect On

1. What does the text say about unity among the faith community?

2. What is the importance of being one in beliefs, aspirations and of principles?

3. Cite examples of beliefs, aspirations, and principles that we can be united with? (eg.

Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we have no mission but Christ's mission, and to love God and others is our life work to live.)

4. How effective is unity in the light of fulfilling our prophetic witness?



Lessons Learned

Memes of Unity. Group the class into 4 and assign each group to make memes that illustrate the importance of Unity in the community of faith. This will be posted on their social media and share it with the whole class and to all their friends.

eg.



Applying the Lessons Learned

Invite the class to form a class connecting hands as seen in the picture. Divide the class into two and line them facing each other. Let them extend their right hand while the other will be using their left hand. Let each student supply the statement, "In unity, we can _____."

Closing Worship

Closing Hymn "The Hands of God" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 295

The hands of God that make the whole creation new

That guide us through the path that we must tread

They lifted up the lowly and the poor,

Hands that brought down the mighty from their thrones.

Chorus: The hands of God that guide us through the years,
From doubts and fears those hands have led us through,
They call for faith and hope and love to reign in us,
The hands of God that work through you and me.

The hands that make the lame to walk and blind to see
The hands that work to set our people free
The hands that touch the sinners and the lonely
Are hands of God that work through you and me.

The hands of God that make the church to live and grow
That give its pow'r to face all fears and woes
The hands that make for peace to reign all o'er us
Are hand of God that work through you and me.

Memory Verse:

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Offertory

All good and perfect gifts around us come from God. Let us give not because we are forced to but it is our loving response to God's amazing and gracious love to all of us.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "Blessed Are Those Who Give"

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 95

Blest are they, Lord who offer to you, joyful hearts with sincerity
Jesus Christ, grant to them grace abounding and love
Overflowing from you Lord our God

Blessed are they Lord, who offer to you joyful hearts with sincerity
Jesus Christ, grant to them abounding
And blessings from heaven they'll surely receive.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

You have given us life and new life in Jesus Christ, O God. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

+Closing Song "This Little Light of Mine" NCH# 525

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine 3x
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

v.2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

v.3 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine

+Prayer of Dedication

Come O Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation. Send the wind and flame of your transforming life to unite us as a community of faith this day. Give wisdom and faith that we may know the great hope to which we are called. Come, Holy Spirit renew the whole creation. Amen.

Response

"How Great is Our God"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SJkkkMVtOI&list=PLm4iubVTpZiCmawb7SvDgJ7GxBa-g_6pm

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of January:

- a. Sister Church. With the consultation with your pastor, create a tie-up or partnership with one of the local churches under your circuit fellowship/ district. Conduct joint youth fellowship activities for the whole month. (eg UCCP Lapasan youth with UCCP Tagoloan)
- b. Start a Bible Study Center in one's Neighborhood. With your pastor, organize a Youth Bible Study that is community-based.
- c. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 34: Why do we need to unite the community of faith?

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2020

General Concept: We need to unite the community of faith to manifest our commitment to effectively carry out Christ's mission and to be in accord with Jesus' prayer "that they may be one".

Biblical References: Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:1-12

Age-Level Concepts

- We need to unite the community of faith to express our commitment to carry out Christ's mission.
- We need to unite the community of faith to be consistent with the prayer of Jesus.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Discuss the need to work together as a community of faith and to engage with other faith communities

- Draw out from Jesus' prayer the intended message relevant to the life and work of the community of faith
- Share feelings and thoughts on the present relationships our Church have with other faith communities

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop - Internet Ready for Video Presentation, Manila Paper with a big globe is drawn, glue or paste, and cut-out World Religions' symbols and its names (Separate the symbols from its names)

Biblical Background

We are not alone. God reveals oneself to all God's creation thus we do not have the monopoly of God's grace. The UCCP has been relating and working with other faith communities in doing justice, peace and caring for God's creation. We believe that all are God's people and all can work together despite the diversity. We belong to God's family, thus, working with each other means recognizing that we are all part and each belongs to the family of God.

Micah 6:8

The biblical account reflects the very life -work that God wants from God's people -"to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." This is the calling not just for the people of Israel but to all people of all colors and different faith and traditions. Initially, this text is based on Balaam to Balak's message that he will not do what the king of Moab commanded him to do. Instead, he follows God's command and become obedient to God's will. Though Balaam was not an Israelite ,God revealed oneself to others and even choose them to make God's people realize God's will for them. Another example in the course of Israel's history is King Cyrus of Persia. He became God -sent so that Israel will return to Jerusalem after a long captivity.

Matthew 5:1-12

In Matthew 5:1-12, the gospel describes how one experiences blessedness in one's life. The word "blessed" does not mean "holy," and neither does it mean "happy" in a sense of being in a good mood. Rather, the word, "blessed" refers to the joy and contentment in God's presence. Jesus calls us to participate in God's kingdom here on earth today. We can participate in continuing the mission of Christ Jesus today through living in solidarity with the poor and oppressed; in our fight against the oppressive powers in Jesus' Name, and to be one with all people and with all God's creation.

John 17:21

These verses are part of the longest prayer Jesus uttered in the book of John. Jesus offered this prayer as He announced his victory over the world. It reflects the triumph of his completed work. It has several parts which imply his intention to let the world know the nature of his being God; that God is in him and him in God.

Jesus' prayer for his disciples, who believed and accepted him, points to the evidence that Jesus was God and that he had come from the Father to make God known. Moreover, he prayed that they would live in a way as to show his glory to the world. Their unity will show the unity that exists between God and Jesus; to remain faithful to him and not be defeated by the evil in this world. He wants them to share with him the joyful victory by successfully completing the work God has committed to him.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.



Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

+Songs of Gathering "We're Together Again"
We're together again just praising the Lord,
We're together again in one accord,
Something good is going to happen.
Something good is in store.
We're together again just praising the Lord.

Wherever I am I praise Thee, wherever I go I praise Thee
For Your love surrounds me like a sea. I praise the name of Jesus.
Lift up the name of Jesus for the name of Jesus lifted me.

Walking With Jesus

Walking with Jesus, Walking every day, walking all the way
Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone
Walking in the Sunshine, Walking in the Shadow
Walking every day, walking all the way.

Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.

+Opening Prayer

O God, come to us who gathered here. We call on You in faith, joining our hearts and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your Name. Grant us wisdom and enthusiasm to learn more about you. Amen.

Getting Ready

Let the Class watch The Power of Unity | Story of a Monkey
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSE3rgH_03g).

- What is the most interesting part of the story for you?
- How does unity achieve?
- What is the result of working in unity with others?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Read the following text aloud. Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:1-12, and John 17:21. Group the class into a triad and let the group choose one of the three texts to discuss among themselves.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the core message of the text?
2. What does the text say about unity?
3. How do we achieve unity with other communities that are different from us?
4. What is your understanding of Interfaith? How do you feel about it?
5. Does your local church involve in an interfaith program or activity?

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JUDAISM
STAR OF DAVID

Lessons Learned

The mission of God is not just for the Christians but it includes all humanity. Jesus commanded us not just to love those we only love nor love ourselves but to love all even the strangers and the ones we call enemies.

Allow the class to play a game of matching type. Finding the right name of each symbol. As a representative from the triad group to share the answer to this question, "Why is there a need for us to relate with other faith

communities?" Suggest ways to realize this unity with other faith communities.

Applying the Lessons Learned

Invite now the class to identify churches, temples, fellowship that belong to your baranggay. Make a plan to visit each faith community. Try to write first a letter to their pastor/ priest/ imam/ and the Baranggay Officials. The content of the letter will be introducing the CYF and the intention of fellowshipping with all the young people in the Baranggay. Host an event that will invite all youth from the different faith communities to come. Be sure the place will be a neutral ground so that no one will suspect any sheep-stealing/ proselyting.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“That all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:21

Offertory: Let us present with love our offerings of commitment and support for God’s mission.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Dear Lord God, Receive Our Offering”

Hymnal of Faith Journey, 96

Dear Lord God receive this off’ring we are bringing to your altar
For you, O God our fount of blessings from your great love, outpouring flowing
Because you have loved us so much from the very beginning
and you made all things on earth for us
and so our lives to you we offer O Lord, Our God, in service for the world.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Let these offerings be of use for your mission here and abroad. Bless us always,
that we may also be the source of Your blessings to Your People. Amen.

+Closing Song LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD – GBB

Living in the household of God, calling us to live as one
Unity in diversity, Together in God’s family [oooh]

Living in the Household of God, Calling us to live in peace
Respecting all creature’s rights,
shinning bright the light of Christ [oooh]

Living in the Household of God, Calling us to live in hope
Persevering in our works,
Relying solely in God’s word [oooh]

Living in the Household of God, Calling us to live in love
Transforming church and society,
God’s reignship to all reality [oooh]

+Prayer of Dedication

Give us grace O God to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. In Christ's Name, Amen. (Reinhold Niebuhr)

Response "Jesus Won't You Come Round Here"
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMqjwuJPMRE&list=PL2E3AF2BB4DEA721F&index=7>)
Jesus won't You come round here 3x
v. 1 Now is a healing time 3x...
v. 2 Now is a time to go... 3x..
Huhmmm...

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

Month of February:

- a. Membership Month Project
 1. Volunteer to make a Membership database to profile the members of the church.
 2. Church Family Picture. Collect or take a family picture of all families of the church.
 3. Monthly Birthday Post. Make a Bulletin Board Section of the Monthly Birthday Celebrators.
- b. Love Sunday. Organize a Date Night for all couples in the church. Prepare a dinner and program which include sharing of love stories of the couples attending.
- c. Love for the Church Workers. Prepare a simple Fellowship Night with the church workers in your local church. Give them a simple token of love from your class.
- d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 35: What is the life-proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2020

General Concept: Life-proclamation of the Good News is to make known God's saving grace through Jesus Christ through our life and ministry.

Biblical References: Isaiah 58:1-11, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20

Age-Level Concepts

- The Good News of God's saving grace through Jesus Christ is known by the life we live.
- God's saving grace is proclaimed by doing Christ's ministry.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Articulate their understanding of the phrase "God's saving grace through Jesus Christ"
- Share concrete situations where they experience God's saving acts

- Enumerate ways of proclaiming the Good News of Christ to others in their daily lives

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, TV or Laptop -Internet Ready for Video Presentation, cut-out drawing of candles, and pen or marker.

Biblical Background (

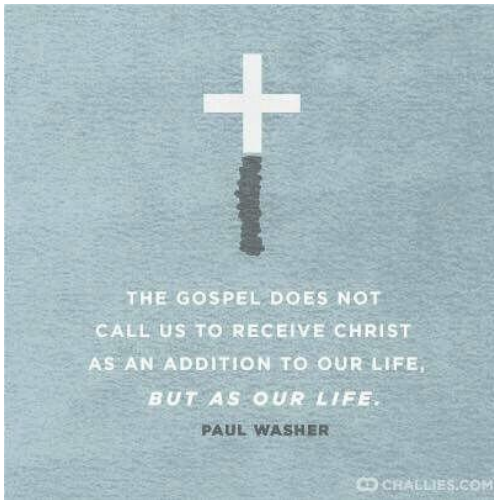
Isaiah 58:1-11

Life Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a life of living out our faith in Jesus Christ daily and letting others intimately know God and experience God's Reignship here on earth where justice, peace, and love prevail.

Isaiah 58:1-11, tells us about true fasting. For Israel, fasting is a way of being nearer to God. Fasting was intended to supplicate the Lord for forgiveness and blessings. Here, the people were asking, "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" These are questions that clearly show their dissatisfaction with God. Prophet Isaiah criticized the kind of fasting Israel had. God prefers the kind of fasting where they have to loose the chains of injustice, untie the cord of the yoke, set the oppressed free, break every yoke, giving food to the hungry, shelter for the wanderer, clothing to the naked, and turn away from your greed and pride. Till then, the light will break forth like the dawn, and healing will quickly appear. God does not want mere words or rituals, God wants justice for God's people.

Matthew 5:13-20

Matthew 5:13-20 continues the light which Isaiah was talking about. Matthew added that God's people are the light and salt of the world. "Salt" and "light" relate to the functions of Jesus' faithful followers in the world, so Jesus' emphasis on the law is about doing good. Jesus does not say that he has come to "build up" the law but rather to "fulfill" it. "To fulfill" (pleroo) is frequently understood as "bringing something to an end" or "to complete (something)" but that does not quite fit the immediate context. Jesus, especially Matthew's Jesus, was a law-abiding Jew. But he chooses to "fulfill" the law in the sense of interpreting their meaning for contemporary practice. Jesus was emphasizing that law should not be observed in rituals, but should be lived out daily.



Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Post A Phrase that invites the class to center oneself to Sunday's lesson.

Welcome each student with a hug. After gathering around, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. We are here for a purpose."

Songs of Gathering

Seh Yah Hum Buh

Seh Yah hum buh Koo kah Nigh Nie Kwenkos (2x)

Seh Yah hum buh 2x Ohh! Seh Yah Hum buh koo kah Nigh Nie kwenkos

We are marching in the light of God 2x We are marching 2x Ohh!
We are marching in the light of God.

Maglakaw sa kahayag sa Dyos, Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos (2x)
Maglakaw kita uban Kaniya !Ohh! Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos

Tell the World of His Love By Jamie Rivera

For God so loved the world He gave us Him only Son Jesus Christ our Savior
His most precious one He has sent us His message of love And sends those who hear
To bring the message to everyone In a voice loud and clear
Chorus

Let us tell the world of His love The greatest love the world has known
Search the world for those who have walked Astray and lead them home
Fill the world's darkest corners With His light from up above
Walk every step, Every mile, Every road And tell the world,
Tell the world of His love .

Our Lord, our Savior, our king Emmanuelle; Prince of Peace; Begotten of the Father's love
Born to set us free ;Let heaven and earth sing His praises
His righteousness proclaim; Let every heart rejoice in His love
And magnify His name (Repeat to Chorus 2x)

+Opening Prayer

Abide with us O God and make your Word come through as we engage ourselves in this Sunday School Class. This we pray, in Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen.

Getting Ready

Let the Class watch "11- Year Old Proclaiming Jesus Throughout the Bible"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nieVlurPSbc>)

- What is your impression of the 11-year-old proclaiming Jesus?
- Do you think you can do it also?
- What is your understanding of the Life-Proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ?
- In what way you can preach the Good News of Jesus to other people?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Let the whole class read aloud the texts in Isaiah 58:1-11 and Matthew 5:13-20

.Group the class into 2 and assign a different text to each group. Discuss and answer the following questions.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the core message of the text?
2. What does the text say about the Life-Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. How would you proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to your family, friends and your community?

Group Sharing

Lessons Learned

Instruct the Class to make a short script on how to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. By partner or dyad, try to practice how to go about the sharing. Let the partner coach and suggest ways to improve the sharing.

Applying the Lessons Learned

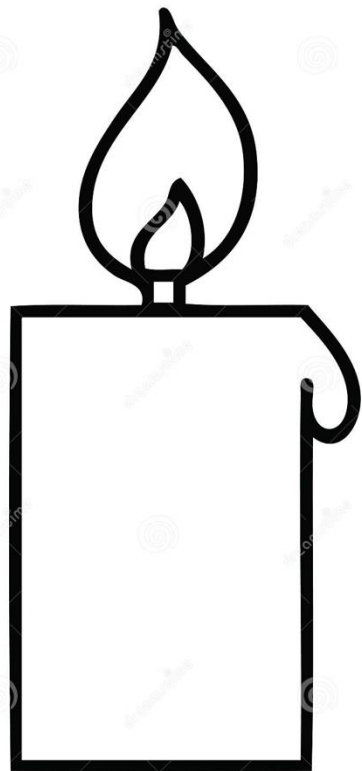
The Life Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus is not just about sharing in words but also about how to live a life where God's light will be shown to all and where our saltiness able to bring flavor to the world.

Invite each learner to take a cut-out candle and write good deeds you commit to do every day starting today. This good deed will let your light shine to the whole world. Let them keep their works so that it will remind them daily to do good for others.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? (Matthew 5:13a)



You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”(Matthew 5:14a)

Offertory

God is the source and fount of every blessing. Everything we have comes from God thus, let us give the way God gave and love as God loved.

COMMIT
TO
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EVERYDAY

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Dear Lord God, Receive Our Offering”

Hymnal of Faith

Journey,96

Not only our tithes we are off’ring but time and talents and our caring, May all who come in touch with our lives, Draw near to you and glorify your name. Because you have loved us so much from the very beginning and you made all things on earth for us and so our lives to you we offer O Lord, Our God, in service for the world

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Receive these gift O God which are given with our love and dedication. Bless us as we continue to give ourselves to others to glorify you. Amen.

+Closing Song

“You Are the Seed”

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You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
You’re the star that will shine through the day;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the night.

Refrain:

*Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love,
Be my friends a loyal witness from the dead I arose.
Lo I’ll be with you forever till the end of the world.*

You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
You’re the wheat that will bear golden grain;
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where’er you go.

You are the flame that will brighten the way,
Sending sparkles of hope, faith and love
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world
Through valleys and pastures of peace.

You are the friends that I chose for myself
the word that I want to proclaim
You are the city that's built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign.

You are the life that will nurture the plant
you're the waves in a turbulent sea

+Prayer of Dedication

We are the seed that you sow to the world O God. With your power and might, we grow for bearing fruits of justice, peace, and love. May we continue to live out our faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

+Response

"Jesus Won't You Come Round Here"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMqjwuJPMRE&list=PL2E3AF2BB4DEA721F&index=7>)

Jesus won't You come round here 3x

v. 1 Now is a healing time 3x...

v. 2 Now is a time to go... 3x..

Huhmmm...

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of February:

a. Membership Month Project.

1. Volunteer to make a Membership database to profile the members of the church.
2. Church Family Picture. Collect or take a Family Picture to all families of the church.
3. Monthly Birthday Post. Make a Bulletin Board Section of the Monthly Birthday Celebrators.

b. Love Sunday. Organize a Date Night for all couples in the church. Prepare a Dinner and Program which include sharing of love stories by the couples attending.

c. Love for the Church Workers. Prepare a simple Fellowship Night with the church workers in your local church. Give them a simple token of love from your class.

d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter account the lessons you've learned from the session.

