

Sunday Monthly Review
Quarter Theme: Social Teachings of the Church
Unit 3: Fulfilling Our Obligations to God and Society
Lesson 9
Christian Expectation of Grace
Jonah 3:1-5; 4:6-11(key vs. 4:10-11a)
May 3, 2026

How does this lesson connect with the quarter's theme?

This lesson is paralleled with our church mission to evangelize the world despite ethnic preferences. As children of God, we are obligated to both God and Society to promote God's word and godly living.

Background of the Book of Jonah?

Jonah was a prophet of the Northern Kingdom during the reign of Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:25). His name means "dove". Jonah was sent to the capital of Assyria, Nineveh, to the king and people of that nation to repent. Jonah initially runs in the opposite direction of God, who is sending him, and God intervenes by altering the trajectory of Jonah's life.

Key words in the lesson Scriptures?

Cried out – shout or proclaim

Prepared – count, number, or assign

Grateful – rejoice and be glad

Pity – look upon with compassion

What do you hope for your students to come away with from this lesson?

Jonah had an obligation to God first because of Jonah's prophetic ministry and to proclaim God's word to the people of Ninevah.

Notice the mission statement of our church (Matt. 28:19-20).

Jonah was sent to a nation that he knew God would discipline the Northern Kingdom for their idolatry. God wants to use us to reach all people with the gospel, regardless of what we think about them.

Describe how the students can live out their purpose within the church?

Serve in the outreach ministry of the church and serve in our daily lives by talking more about Jesus. Seeking to introduce all people to Jesus as Savior of the world.

Look for Divine Principle(s)

Ethnic reasons must be avoided because the gospel's message of salvation is for all people.

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Lesson 10

Work as Christian Duty

Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9; John 5:17; 9:4; Acts 20:33-35; 2 Thessalonians
3::6-12 (Key verse Acts 20:35)

May 10, 2026

How does this lesson connect with the quarter's theme?

The social teaching of the church, as we study this particular lesson, is that everyone has the Christian duty to carry their own weight. So that our testimony and witness want be hindered by Christians' inability to take care of themselves.

What do all these passages have in common?

Our responsibility is to work for the Father first. Read Matthew 6:33 and John 5:17 and 9:4.

Key words in the lesson Scriptures?

Tend – work, perform, serve, worship, carry out, honor; to be tilled, worked.

Labor – toil

Work – (Heb.), duties, task, workmen, service. (Gk.) - to engage in an activity that involves effort, *work*, or *being active*.

What do you hope for your students to come away with from this lesson?

The Lord expects us to work if we are physically able and to help others in the process.

What do you think the lesson title means by Christian duty?

How does this lesson change your perception of what you are doing for the Lord?

Look for Divine Principle(s)

Jesus was focused on His work given to Him by the Father; we ought to work on the work assigned to us by Jesus, which includes our jobs.

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Lesson 11

Christian Manner of Justice

Deuteronomy 24:14-21; Ephesians 6:5-9; 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (key verse Deut.
24:19)

May 17, 2026

How does this lesson connect with the quarter's theme?

The word justice, especially in America, has taken on a meaning that is entirely different from what justice looks like in God's Word. As Christians, we are to understand biblical justice and apply it in our churches and communities. Remember, what God blesses you with should also be used to bless others.

What is the main theme between these books?

The lesson concerns hired servants, bondservants, slaves, and strangers, and how they are to be treated. The passage from Timothy focuses on how the rich should help others and, on their ability, to use what they have been blessed with to encourage and assist others.

Key words in the lesson Scriptures?

Oppress - to press upon, oppress, violate, defraud, do violence, get deceitfully, wrong, or extort.

Hired servant - a worker under contract to work for a wage, usually of lower social/economic status

Alien/Strangers – alien, stranger, foreigner, i.e., one who is of a different geographical or cultural group, often with fewer rights than the reference group.

Justice - be in the right, be justified, be just.

Goodwill - (with) a whole heart, (with) enthusiasm.

What do you hope for your students to come away with from this lesson?

Everyone is created in God's image and likeness and must be treated as such; in fact, God expects us to treat them as such.

Compare Biblical justice with justice in America.

The one overarching flaw in American justice is its impartiality (blindfolded statue).

What instruction is given to us in 1 Timothy 6:17-19?

The rich in God's justice are given the duty to help support others with what God blesses them with.

Look for Divine Principle(s)

Each person must treat other people with respect and kindness. God bless us to be a blessing to other that are less fortunate than we are, especially the poor and widows.

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Lesson 12
Christian Rhythms of Life
Mark 2:18-28 (key verses Mark 2:27-28)
May 24, 2026

How does this lesson connect with the quarter's theme?

We should not place customs above the teachings of the Church. Following Christ Jesus is the most important aspect of our walk with Christ.

Know the background of the Book of Mark?

Written in 55-68 AD, the gospel of Mark was attributed to a first-century Jewish Christian named John Mark. That is, John was his first name, and Mark (or Marcus) was his surname. His Latin surname may indicate that he, like the apostle Paul, was a Roman citizen. His mother was a Christian woman named Mary, who lived in Jerusalem and was well-acquainted with the apostle Peter (see Acts 12:12). John Mark was also a cousin of Barnabas, Paul's earliest missionary companion (see Colossians 4:10).

Key words in the lesson Scriptures?

Fasting – (a) of voluntary abstinence from food, and “fasting” had become a common practice among Jews, and was continued among Christians (See Matthew 17:21).

Sabbath – “to cease, or to rest” Genesis 2:2-3), The observation of the seventh day of the week, enjoined upon Israel, was a sign between God and His earthly people, based upon the fact that after the six days of creative operations, He rested.

What do you hope for your students to come away with from this lesson?

Don't let man-made customs (or traditions) rise to a level beyond the Word of God.

Explain the 3 examples Jesus gave to the Pharisees.

The bridegroom and friends

The old garments and the uses of new garments.

The old wineskin and new wine

Know the story of David and his men?

1 Samuel 21:1-6

Look for Divine Principle(s)

Christ Jesus is first! Not traditions!

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Lesson 13

Living in Christian Community

Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 10:22-25 (key verse Heb. 10:23)

May 31, 2026

How does this lesson connect with the quarter's theme?

Throughout the Bible, God calls His people to come together to worship Him. He also focuses on the church's mission statement to evangelize. The church's theme for May and June is "Personal Commitment to fellowship of the saints." Fellowship is not just about worshipping but also about supporting each other.

Students should reflect on how or what they are doing to live out within our Christian community.

Key words in the lesson Scriptures?

Teaching – "to give instruction."

Assurance – "a fullness, abundance," also means "full assurance, entire confidence."

Conscience – that process of thought which distinguishes what it considers morally good or bad, commending the good, condemning the bad.

Confession – "to speak the same thing."

What do you hope for your students to come away with from this lesson?

How important it is to know our faith and how important it is to carry out the Lord's Great Commission.

Define Matthew 28:19, and what can our church do to continue promoting the Mission?

Talk about why people today hesitate to come to church (Heb. 10:25)?

Look for Divine Principle(s)

When we come together, we can do greater things, especially His mission.

The Kingdom of God has priority over all that we do.