

INVESTIGATING THE WORD - SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

2023 – 2024

SEPTEMBER - AUGUST

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – LESSON 10 (NIV)

TEACHERS: PEGGY BUCKNER & ELDER MYRON RICHARDSON

TITLE: “PRAYING PROPERLY”

DEVOTIONAL READING: PSALM 4

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6: 5-15

LESSON TEXT: MATTHEW 6: 5-15

LESSON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

- A. Hallowed, Not Hallows
- B. Lesson Context:
- I. Directives for Prayer (Matthew 6: 5-8)
 - A. For Public Praise (v. 5)
 - B. In Personal Privacy (v. 6)
 - C. Without Prattle (v. 7)
 - D. With Purpose (v.8)
- II. The Prototypical Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13)
 - A. Proper Address (v. 9)
 - B. Proper Alignment (v. 10)
 - C. Proper Asking (v. 11-13)
 - Daily Bread*
 - The Right Source*
- III. Addendum on Forgiveness (Matthew 6: 14-15)

CONCLUSION

- A. Sincere Petitions on Mere Repetitions!
- B. Prayer
- C. Thought to Remember

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 – LESSON 11 (NIV)

TEACHERS: PEGGY BUCKNER & ELDER MYRON RICHARDSON

TITLE: “HEEDING WHOLLY”

DEVOTIONAL READING: MATTHEW 10: 31-42

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 11

LESSON TEXT: MATTHEW 11: 7-15, 20-24

LESSON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

- A. Celebrity Preaches
- B. Lesson Context
- I. John the Messenger (Matthew 11: 7-15)
 - A. Unlikely Celebrity (vv. 7-10)
 - Preparing a Way
 - B. Last of His Kind (vv. 11-15)
- II. Jesus, the Wonder Worker (Matthew 11: 20-24)
 - A. Failure to Repent (vv. 20-22)
 - B. Judgement to Ensnare (vv. 23-24)
 - A Stubborn Dog*

CONCLUSION

- A. Pivotal People in Unrepentant Cultures
- B. Prayer
- C. Thought to Remember.

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 – LESSON 12 (NIV)

TITLE “LIVING LASTLY”

TEACHERS: PEGGY BUCKNER & ELDER MYRON RICHARDSON

DEVOTIONAL READING: I SAMUEL 2: 1-10

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 19: 16-30

LESSON TEXT: MATTHEW 19: 16-30

LESSON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Checking All the Boxes
- B. Lesson Context:
 - I. A Seeker’s Inquiry (Matthew 19: 16-22)
 - A. Sincere Question (v.16)
 - B. Initial Reply (vv. 17-19)
 - C. Sincere Claim (v. 20)
 - D. Further Challenge (v. 21)
 - E. Sad Reaction (v. 22)
 - The Unexpected Test*
 - II. The Savior’s Instruction (Matthew 19: 23-30)
 - A. Stunning Declaration (vv. 23-24)
 - B. Surprised Reaction (vv. 25-27)
 - C. Solemn Promise (vv. 28-30)
 - The Most-Coveted Airplane Seat*

CONCLUSION:

- A. Rethinking the Boxes
- B. Prayer
- C. Thought to Remember

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 – LESSON 13 (NIV)

TITLE: “MINISTERING MIGHTILY”

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DEVOTIONAL READING: MATTHEW 25: 14-15, 19-30

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 25

LESSON TEXT: MATTHEW 25: 31-46

LESSON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

- A. Not for the World
- B. Lesson Context
- I. The Judge (Matthew 23: 31-33)
 - A. Glorious Moment (v. 31)
 - B. Great Gathering (vv. 32-33)
“Not Our Thing”
- II. The Sheep (Matthew 25: 34-40)
 - A. Invitation (v. 34)
Our Planning and His
 - B. Explanation (vv. 35-36)
 - C. Consternation (vv. 37-38)
 - D. Condemnation (vv. 45-46)

CONCLUSION

- A. Three Functions
- B. Where’s Jesus
- C. Prayer
- D. Thought to Remember