

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Thank you for teaching this special unit of lessons in Sunday School. We know that it will require some of you to go outside of your comfort zone since you will have less resource material than normal. We are asking you to do this for three basic reasons:

1. These lessons are designed to encourage each individual to become “missional” in their thinking. Missional is a coined word to describe finding a way of putting one’s faith into action with or without being a part of a program or an organized system. It’s expressing one’s faith in action in a way that is unique to the individual. It’s being evangelistic by ministering in a way which will make people see Christ in you and want to know why you are doing this. The by product may be a chance to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Think of the impact for ministry and for witnessing this could have on our community if each one of us chose just one way of showing our faith. The purpose in this is not to enlarge our membership but to carry out the Great Commission.
2. To try to discover what Snyder’s DNA is. What do we do best? How do we see ourselves as ministering in this community? This will be helpful to our Pastor Search Committee as they try to “explain” us to a prospective minister. If he sees himself as the pastor of one kind of church and we see ourselves as another kind of church, it could avoid future conflict.
3. If we complete this study we will be eligible for a \$25,000 grant from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to develop a ministry in the area which we feel is our strong suite.

DATES: Eight Sundays beginning January 6, 2008 continuing through February 24, 2008

## TEACHER’S RESOURCES:

1. A study guide available to teachers and pupils
2. This teacher’s manual with lesson plans.
3. Teaching Guide (some suggestions in this have been incorporated in the provided lesson plans.
4. Go to <http://www.thefellowship.info/Resources/ItsTime/Additional-Resources> and you’ll see teaching materials from two other churches who have used the material which you may download. There will be no material for the last session since that is something we are doing.

TEACHER’S LESSON PREVIEW: Each Wednesday evening Wayne will preview the lesson for the coming Sunday. We’ll meet at 6 p.m. in the Parlor. We may be a few minutes late for January Bible Study or the classes in February but we’ll be out by 6:45. This begins Wednesday, January 2.

TEACHING STYLE : These lesson plans are written to solicit class participation. Although the class will give you answers, I’ve included possible answers with practically every question to prime the pump and to get the true point of the question across. For some teachers who use more lecture, you can adapt the plan by rephrasing the questions

and answering them yourself. I do encourage you to get as much class participation as possible.

TEACHING AIDS: The handouts are available to go with lesson plans. These may found on the table just inside the office door to your right next to the Conference Room. Most are available now and may be picked up at any time.

1. Theme poster for display throughout unit
2. Jan 6 lesson: "Being Missional" definition cards. These cards will be used three Sundays (Jan 6, Jan. 20 and Feb 7). You will need at least two for each pupil since some will not bring them back from Sunday to Sunday and in the seventh session they will be asked to write on the back and keep a copy for themselves and turn one in to the teacher.
3. Jan 6 lesson: Yard Stick to be used for attention getter and conclusion.
4. Jan 20: World View Table. One for each pupil
5. Jan 27: Relational Evangelism Reading. One for each pupil
6. Feb. 3: CD of song "Do You Really Care?" Will be available in late January. Please try to bring your own CD player but if you do not have one, let Wayne know and we'll try to find you one.
7. Feb. 17: Clear glass half full of water. Water pitcher with additional water. You're on your own!
8. Feb. 24: Snyder Profile. One for each pupil.

LARGE PRINT TEACHING PLAN. If you need a larger print, we can increase the font size and print you larger type plans. Let Wayne know.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING PLANS. If you need additional copies of the teaching plans, they are available individually or in as a set.

Plan on resuming using your regular literature on March 2.

Thank you again for doing this.

Skip and Wayne

## **STUDENT'S MATERIALS**

**STUDENT'S BOOK:** A student's book is provided and may be given out right away. Please ask couples to use one book together to help keep costs down.

**STUDENT'S JOURNEY GUIDE:** This book is a daily study guide. First two pages of each week is for notes from SS lesson and Sermon. This is followed by five devotional thoughts with a "journal question." This book is optional and we ask pupils to contribute \$5.00 if they wish to have one. Sell these in the class and turn in money to office.

Note that the first unit in this book is an introduction and there is no SS lesson to accompany it. It should be done the week of December 30. Our first SS lesson is labeled Week 2. Our week 8 concludes the study and there are no materials for the following week.

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Jesus Christ  
and in subtle or overt ways---  
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through the ministry we had to that person,  
through our actions which were reflecting Christ in our lives,  
we could influence that person---  
to examine their relationship with Jesus  
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## “BEING MISSIONAL”

**INDIVIDUAL:** Finding your own way of putting your faith into action with or without being part of a program or an organized system. It may be something which no one knows about but you. It's expressing your unique faith in a way that is all your own but which shows your faith in action. It's finding your own way to be an ambassador for Christ or being a reconciliator for Christ.

**CHURCH:** It is the church carrying out the Great Commission in the manner that best uses the capabilities, cultural uniqueness and resources of its members. It may be in an organized, purposeful endeavor or it may be the collective results of its members as they put their faith to work individually.