

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. OUR HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD'S CREATION (GENESIS 2:15, 18; Exodus 20:9)

1. What responsibility did God give Adam in Eden, the first human? 2:15
2. Did the responsibility given to Adam include his wife Eve? Genesis 2:18
3. What does God's command Adam and Eve to take care of the Garden of Eden say about human's responsibility to take care of the earth's environment today?
4. How can we be better stewards of God's creation?
5. How are we not taking care of God's planet?

II. A DAY OF REST FOR GOD'S WORKERS (EXODUS 20:9)

6. What did God do to protect workers? Exodus 20:9
7. Which of the Ten Commandments is this commandment included? Exodus 20:8
8. What day of the week did God set aside for a day of rest? Exodus 20:10a
9. Who all are included in this commandment? Exodus 20:10b
10. What was this commandment patterned after? Exodus 20:11 (Genesis 2:2-3)
11. Why is it important for human beings to rest from their labor?
12. How are workers' rights being abused today?

III. THE CONTINUED DIVINE WORK OF GOD (JOHN 5:17; 9:4)

13. What was one of the main reasons the Jewish religious leaders began to closely watch and persecute Jesus? John 5:8-10, 16
14. What was Jesus' response to the Jewish religious leaders who questioned Him about healing on the Sabbath? John 5:17
15. How did the Jewish religious leaders react to Jesus' statement? John 5:18
16. How did the Holy Godhead (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in unison do the work of creation?  
 God the Father (Genesis 1:1) -  


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 God the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2) -  


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 God the Son (John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:15-17) -  


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 Unison (Genesis 1:26) -  


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17. What promise is made to human beings about God's sustaining work in the Noahic Covenant? Genesis 8:22

18. How did Jesus express His limited time to do the work of His Father while on earth? What does this say about our work on earth? John 9:4
19. What did Jesus say was one of His purposes while on earth? John 9:5

IV. DOING THE SPIRITUAL WORK OF THE LORD (ACTS 20:33-35)

20. What were the elders as shepherds in the church expected to do to fight off the wolves from attacking the flock? Who are the wolves today? Why? Acts 20:28-31a
21. What example did Paul set for the elders? Acts 20:31b
22. What did Paul commit the elders of the Ephesian church to? Acts 20:32a
23. What is promised to those who commit to God and the word of his grace? Acts 20:32b
24. What example did Paul leave with the elders of the Ephesian Church? Acts 20:33-35a

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25. What stewardship and service principle did Paul leave with the elders of the Ephesian Church? Who first taught this principle? Acts 20:35b

V. A PRACTICE REQUIRED: (2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13)

26. Who were the Thessalonians commanded to avoid? Why do you think so? 2 Thessalonians 3:6
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27. Whose examples were the Thessalonians to follow? 2 Thessalonians 3:7a
28. What example did Paul and other missionaries set for the Thessalonians? 2 Thessalonians 3:7b, 8
29. Did Paul and the missionaries have the right to expect compensation from the church at Thessalonica? Why or why not? 2 Thessalonians 3:9a; Luke 10:7; 1 Corinthians 9:14; 1 Timothy 5:18
30. Why did Paul and his co-workers refuse to accept compensation? 2 Thessalonians 3:9b
31. What basic principle did Paul give the Thessalonians concerning work? 2 Thessalonians 3:10
32. How can the principle given in 2 Thessalonians 3:10 be taken out of context?
33. What does the Bible teach us about laziness and work? Proverbs 6:6-11; 18:9; Ephesians 4:28
34. What example did Jesus set about work? John 5:17
35. What report did Paul receive about members in the Thessalonian Church? 2 Thessalonians 3:11
36. What is a "busybody"? What are some of the traits of "busybodies"? 2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Timothy 5:13
37. What advice did Paul give the loafers in the Thessalonian Church? 2 Thessalonians 3:12
38. What work must faithful believers never tire of doing? Why? 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Galatians 6:9