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MISSION

The mission of Triple 15 Sunday school is to teach the people of God how to live daily in Gods will.

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The teachers of this class will accomplish the mission through directional prayer, mobilization of the word by personal application, small group in depth study and demonstration for conversion.

Because we believe, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ... according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) we will teach in a way to propel all people into their true identity in Christ.

TRIPLE 15 Class Structure

The first 15 Minutes of each class will include an overview of the Title, Scripture, Personal Application Points, and Background & Current Times. This will be facilitated by the assigned teacher.

The second 15 minutes will be studying the Digging Deeper section. Each mantle group will break away and study this together. Discussion will be intentional to position students for resolve and movement according to the lesson.

The third 15 minutes involves all students returning to the large group and facilitating demonstration of what was obtained through small group study.

**Created in Love
September**

Quarterly Theme Description

This quarters lessons will overview the need for all professing believers to live a life that displays they are recipients of God's love. Now more than ever, today's society is in need of a clear, consistent display of God's love and the power it possesses. After all, it is love that allowed us to be saved and ensures we have what we need to live a righteous life unto the Creator. The Bible outlines the characteristics of love and its transformative power. It also details our responsibility as believers. Choose to be an example of love in all things at all times.

Unit 9 Lesson 1
The Love Debt
September 5, 2021

Personal Application Points:

CONSIDER the ways you have not loved others as God has commanded.

ACCEPT the continual debt to love others.

COMMIT to loving all people God's way.

Romans 13:8-10 NIV

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b] ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Background & Current Times:

Romans was written by perhaps one of the most controversial characters in the Bible. Paul, formerly known as Saul, termed himself the Chief Sinner. Romans was written to a community of believers from varying ethnic backgrounds. Beyond question, believers at that time were confronted with the need to love each other beyond whatever immediate differences they could see within each other.

Debt impacts many people on a large scale through credit cards and student loans. Approximately 14% of Americans have student loan debt while an estimated 43% have credit card debt. Although many of these persons will be able to pay off their debt in their lifetime, there is a greater debt that can never be repaid in its entirety—Love.

Digging Deeper:

Some believe to owe others is merely a burden that should be reconciled as soon as possible. In this text, we see the need to adopt a different perspective as it is essential to allow the debt of love to remain unfulfilled. Paul in the scripture outlines what love is and is not. Moreover, he brings a dividing line between maintaining a list of do's and don'ts by placing attention on the one commandment that fulfills the ultimate commandment. How often do you act towards your neighbors with "good deeds" with an absence of love? Take note from the Apostle Paul, if you uphold the love commandment you will fulfill all the other commandments.

Unit 9 Lesson 2
Love, An Act of Responsibility
September 12, 2021

Personal Application Points:

EXPLORE barriers to holding love as a believer.

REPENT from avoiding the responsibility to love.

BIND love and faithfulness around your neck permanently.

Proverbs 3:3-5 NIV

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.*

Background & Current Times:

The book of Proverbs, primarily authored by King Solomon, is considered the Book of Wisdom. Solomon was the second to last King of Israel as an undivided nation. He ruled for 40 years. He led the nation into one of its greatest periods of prosperity, which was considered "The Golden Age" of Israel. Solomon's wisdom contributed to his success as he controlled trade and constructed the first temple of God in Jerusalem that was well known for its splendor.

Air Jordan's are one of the most coveted shoe brands in the world. With limited releases, rare colorways, and the Jordan legacy, it's easy to understand why they are so significant to popular culture. To many, Michael Jordan is known as the Greatest of All Time. Especially, to those who grew up in the era of his basketball career. He was known as a man of excellence, style, diligence, and entertainment in sportsmanship. As a result, to own any pair of Jordan's is like owning a part of the great legacy he created. Just as there is an internal connection between the consumer and the Jordan legacy, God desires man to have an internal connection with love as the ultimate commandment.

Digging Deeper:

Love requires all believers to live proactively. Binding and writing are terms that require personal responsibility absent of coercion. Unfortunately, many people seek to love others without proper judgement or understanding of how it is to be done according to the word. The scripture presents a great example of how to avoid this behavior. It is essential

that believers have an unyielding connection with love before they seek to display it. Without this internal connection, the outward expression will be in vain. Choose the responsibility to love and reject the pursuit of favor from man. It is God who seeks to give favor and a good name.

Unit 9 Lesson 3

Enemy Love

September 19, 2021

Personal Application Points:

REFLECT on the love you have been shown by God.

IDENTIFY enemies you have been refusing to love.

LOVE your enemies.

Matthew 5:43-46 NIV

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?"

Background & Current Times:

Matthew, a known tax collector before becoming a disciple, was not highly regarded in the Christian community. In fact, tax collectors were widely despised because there was a perception of them being driven by greed. They were also called sinners because of the unfair demands on the people for taxation. Matthew was a great example of loving others who hated him once he became a disciple.

On November 17, 1957, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the speech "Loving Your Enemies," at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. He is also known widely as a non-violent activist in the 1960's. He is credited with being a stellar example of activism with integrity as he exemplified grace when met with hate, ridicule, and strong judgement. Decades later, Martin Luther King Jr. is still a great example of showing love towards his enemies.

Digging Deeper:

Matthew challenges believers across the world to love the very people they secretly or openly hate. In a world where race, differing beliefs, and conflict are at an all-time high, God's command to love still stands. Matthew compels the believer to love and pray. These two commands place a strong emphasis on the responsibility of the believer. As a result, there is little room to rest in thoughts of victimization when there should be a posture that yields love and sincere prayer. Matthew goes on to make his final plea in calling men beyond a circumstance of comfort and normalcy. He also calls them into a place of living in love with distinctive quality that sets the believer apart from the despised of the time. Take time to consider what enemies you have avoided loving. Who needs to be added to your prayer list?

Unit 9 Lesson 4
Do You Have Evidence?
September 26, 2021

Personal Application Points:

ASSESS your love habits/behavior.

ACCEPT the love God gives you daily.

MODEL what God has shown you.

John 13:34-35 NIV

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Background & Current Times:

The book of John offers insight into the heart of Christ and his affection toward mankind. John, known as the disciple whom Jesus loved, shared many experiences and lessons with Christ that grant understanding of how we are to display love to one another. There is a great theological debate surrounding Jesus' love for John. Did Jesus love John more than the other disciples or was John merely more expressive of the love he experienced as a result of his relationship with Jesus? No matter the conclusion, there is so much to glean from the writings of John regarding love and how we as believers should treat others.

Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and Nelson Mandela are all known universally for their bravery, courage and the love they shared towards others. They all lived selflessly, showing genuine concern for others, and possessed a consistent commitment to justice. Because they lived as principled people, they are known universally for their contributions and impacts on humanity. As believers, we have a responsibility to love others in a manner that clearly displays our commitment to Christ and his principle and example of love.

Digging Deeper:

What a great responsibility to love others as Christ himself has loved us.

That example clarifies any question we may have about living out the command to love.

This command offers no conditions, no room for excuses, and eliminates all potential rebuttals. The scripture grants great insight into how important it is to

God that others can witness a world of love. In current society, love is celebrated as an act of acceptance towards all men regardless of their behavior and lifestyle choices. In this text, we see love as God's example as an act of truth, accountability, discipline, compassion, and

forgiveness. After all, God displays his love towards us in many forms and at all times. Let's do the same so others can see who we belong to and have a chance at salvation.