

Pine Knoll Sabbath School Study Notes

Second Quarter 2026: *Growing in a Relationship With God*

Lesson 12 “Share Him”

Read for this week’s study

Matthew 28:18–20; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 3:8–15; Hosea 7; Zechariah 10.

Memory Text

“ ‘The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned’ ” (Isaiah 50:4, NKJV).

Lesson Outline from Adult Sabbath School Study Guide

- I. Introduction
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- IV. Tips for Sharing Jesus
- V. A Wandering Child
- VI. Bring Them Back
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Questions and Notes for Consideration

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1. [Our] “every interaction, to both acquaintances and strangers, should be bathed in love that flows from an abiding relationship with God. You never know how your actions, especially as a believer, can impact others.” (Sabbath Afternoon)
2. How are the mission of Jesus and our mission similar? Isaiah’s 50th chapter is about Israel’s sin and the Servant’s Obedience. People feel that God had been forced to exile them, as though someone compelled him to “divorce” their mother (50:1) or “sell” them into captivity to pay off their debt (v. 1). God asserts that none of that is true. It is only because of their “transgressions” that the exile will have occurred. There is no compelling reason that God cannot restore them to himself. It is not a matter of strength, the “arm” raised in judgment (50:1; 9:12) can stretch out to save (51:5.9; 52:10; 53:1). There is a new exodus coming (50:2-3).
3. The instrument of the Servant is his “tongue” (50:4; 49:2; 11:4). The emphasis is on his sensitivity and submissiveness (50:4-5), characteristics distinctly lacking in servant Israel. He is submissive not only to God but also to humans (v. 6).

4. The Great Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20 (and Matthew 24:14) can also be described as the Great Co-mission (Sunday's lesson). God initiated mission, but as soon as one becomes a Christian, it becomes a joint venture. In the traditional understanding of the Great Commission, the focus is on baptizing (after accepting a set of doctrines) in order to get "members". After you have been baptized, you have "arrived".
5. Such Christianity is a matter of "right believing" in order to receive benefits from Christ. One is "bar-coded" for heaven, and in this way someone can be a Christian, though never become a disciple, because in that model discipleship is optional and the character is unchanged. As a result, then, 98% of Christians are not equipped for mission in 95% of their waking lives.
6. "I have been given say over all things in heaven and on earth. So wherever you go, *make disciples* to me from all kinds of people, *submerge* them in Trinitarian reality, and *teach* them to do everything that I commanded you. And look, I am always with you, until the job is done." (Matt. 28:18-20)
7. The New Testament teaching is that Jesus is the ultimate Lord over everything. Our mission is then to become disciples of Jesus. Discipleship is the process through which individuals who have received new life "from above" take on the character of Jesus Christ by a combination of *effort* and **grace**. It is "Growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18; Monday's lesson)
8. Discipleship takes the form of an increase in the degree to which our lives are dominated by **grace** (God acting in our life) and **knowledge** (interactive relationship with God). It is not a matter of behaving in certain ways, but of being inwardly and thoroughly transformed into a different kind of person: having the character of Jesus Christ.
9. As an apprentice of Jesus, I am **learning** from Him how to lead my life as Jesus would lead my life, if He was in my place today. Thus, every vocation is sacred and has its place in society (1 Peter 3:8-15; Tuesday's lesson). What you do matters to God. We can inspire others to live as disciples of Jesus, wherever they are and whatever they do.
10. Sharing faith is not merely conveying correct doctrine, but embodying God's character so the universe can "see" what He is like. Mission is therefore character revelation. Persuasion happens through compassionate love, loving presence, sharing your story, and uncalculated goodness—not force or manipulation.
11. The central issue in the cosmic conflict is misunderstanding God's character. Witnessing therefore combats Satan's accusations by demonstrating what God is actually like. Witnessing is participation in the war against lies about God.
12. Success is measured by faithfulness, presence, relational transformation, and revealing Christlike love—not by numeric outcomes. Witnessing is not primarily about increasing numbers, but revealing God's character of self-giving love; countering lies about God; participating in God's healing mission.
13. Every act of goodness is witnessing. Therefore, healing, justice, service, compassion, hospitality, sacrifice—these are all "weapons" in the cosmic conflict. Our mission is

participating in God's restorative work, giving people hope. Witnessing is joining Jesus' mission to reveal the Father.

14. Witnessing in the cosmic conflict model is about joining God's restorative mission in a universe where His character is misrepresented. Witnessing becomes part of spiritual warfare—not against people, but against false pictures of God.
15. What can you do this coming week to become a tool of compassion, graciousness and blessing to someone in your sphere of influence? What can we do collectively as a body of believers to experience and promote genuine apprenticeship to Jesus so that the world might see who God is (Habakkuk 2:14)?

Further Study with Ellen White

God will accept the wholehearted service, and will Himself make up the deficiencies.—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 150. (1905) {CM 109.2}

Through Christ's redeeming work the government of God stands justified. The Omnipotent One is made known as the God of love. Satan's charges are refuted, and his character unveiled. Rebellion can never again arise. Sin can never again enter the universe. Through eternal ages all are secure from apostasy. By love's self-sacrifice, the inhabitants of earth and heaven are bound to their Creator in bonds of indissoluble union. {DA 26.2}

Christ recognized no distinction of nationality or rank or creed. The scribes and Pharisees desired to make a local and a national benefit of all the gifts of heaven and to exclude the rest of God's family in the world. But Christ came to break down every wall of partition. He came to show that His gift of mercy and love is as unconfined as the air, the light, or the showers of rain that refresh the earth. {9T 190.4}

In the person of Christ we behold the eternal God engaged in an enterprise of boundless mercy toward fallen man. {FLB 98.3}

It is our privilege to have a calm, close, happy walk with Jesus every day we live. {TMK 320.4}

The God of heaven is constantly at work. It is by His power that vegetation is caused to flourish, that every leaf appears and every flower blooms. Every drop of rain or flake of snow, every spire of grass, every leaf and flower and shrub, testifies of God. These little things so common around us teach the lesson that nothing is beneath the notice of the infinite God, nothing is too small for His attention. {8T 260.1}

Since God is infinite, and in Him are all the treasures of wisdom, we may to all eternity be ever searching, ever learning, yet never exhaust the riches of His wisdom, His goodness, or His power. {Ed 172.2}

God's dealings with rebellion will result in fully unmasking the work that has so long been carried on under cover. The results of Satan's rule, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, will be laid

open to the view of all created intelligences. The law of God will stand fully vindicated. It will be seen that all the dealings of God have been conducted with reference to the eternal good of His people, and the good of all the worlds that He has created. Satan himself, in the presence of the witnessing universe, will confess the justice of God's government and the righteousness of His law. {PP 338.4}

Nothing can happen in any part of the universe without the knowledge of Him who is omnipresent. Not a single event of human life is unknown to our Maker. While Satan is constantly devising evil, the Lord our God overrules all, so that it will not harm His obedient, trusting children. The same power that controls the boisterous waves of the ocean can hold in check all the power of rebellion and of crime. God says to one as to the other, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." {3BC 1141.5}

All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence. {DA 827.3}

The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted, for the resources of the power of Jesus Christ are to be at our command. We may draw upon His fullness and receive of that grace which has no limit. The Captain of our salvation at every step would teach us that almighty power is at the demand of living faith. He says, "Without me ye can do nothing;" but again declares that "greater works than these shall ye do; because I go unto my Father." {HP 319.4}

One of the divine plans for growth is impartation. The Christian is to gain strength by strengthening others. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." This is not merely a promise; it is a divine law, a law by which God designs that the streams of benevolence, like the waters of the great deep, shall be kept in constant circulation, continually flowing back to their source. In the fulfilling of this law is the secret of spiritual growth (ST June 12, 1901). {7BC 947.3}

Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, or a day. It is a continual growth in grace. We know not one day how strong will be our conflict the next. Satan lives, and is active, and every day we need to earnestly cry to God for help and strength to resist him. As long as Satan reigns we shall have self to subdue, besetments to overcome, and there is no stopping place. There is no point to which we can come and say we have fully attained (RH May 6, 1862). {7BC 947.5}

Jesus employed no miraculous agency to compel men to believe in him. They were left to choose or reject him, of their own free will. No direct power was to force them into obedience, and destroy the free moral agency that God has given to man. {4Red 86.3}

God does not force anyone. He leaves all free to choose. But He says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The Lord will not write as wise those who cannot distinguish between a tree that bears thorn berries and a tree that bears olives.—*Manuscript 57*, 1896 (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 18, pp. 361-363). {CTr 14.6}

Through the ministry of the angels the Holy Spirit is enabled to work upon the mind and heart of the human agent and draw him to Christ. . . . But the Spirit of God does not interfere with the freedom of the human agent. The Holy Spirit is given to be a helper, so that man may cooperate with the Divine, and it is given to Him to draw the soul but never to force obedience. {TMK 57.2}

In the very fact that men are free moral agents, God teaches us not to be forced or compelled into any course of action, also that as responsible beings in copartnership with God we are to represent God in character. We are to have an interest in our brother, in our neighbor, in all around (Letter 65, 1895). {5BC 1098.1}

Our will is not to be forced into co-operation with divine agencies, but it must be voluntarily submitted. Were it possible to force upon you with a hundredfold greater intensity the influence of the Spirit of God, it would not make you a Christian, a fit subject for heaven. {MB 142.1}

In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with, but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His purposes to pass. {Mar 252.2}

If in our ignorance we make missteps, the Saviour does not forsake us. We need never feel that we are alone. Angels are our companions. The Comforter that Christ promised to send in His name abides with us. In the way that leads to the City of God there are no difficulties which those who trust in Him may not overcome. There are no dangers which they may not escape. There is not a sorrow, not a grievance, not a human weakness, for which He has not provided a remedy. {MH 249.1}