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"Also, in all the nations the good news has to be preached first."—Mark 13:10.

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Dear Publishers:

What an exciting summer it has been! Members of the Bethel family have attended many assemblies, but principally the one in Washington, D.C.

Of course, all of us now know about the new *Truth* book that was released. In Washington we distributed 160,000 copies to those present. The book has been greeted enthusiastically everywhere.

Our production departments have been hard pressed to meet the demand for this new publication. Some congregations have ordered 20 copies per publisher, but we have had to reduce orders to about five per publisher until we have a supply on hand. Remember, brothers, we are making shipments of this book to many parts of the earth. However, please continue to order. While we may not always be able to send what you request, you can always reorder.

We have sold 251 acres of Kingdom Farm at South Lansing, New York, including the buildings where Gilead School and the Kingdom Ministry School used to be located. The State of New York made the purchase and will make use of the buildings and land. We still have 550 acres in that vicinity that we are farming in order to supply food for the Bethel family.

We have erected and are now using a fine new building at Watchtower Farm, about 100 miles from New York City. We are also continuing with other building work there.

Across the street from Bethel the concrete work for the new home is up to the fourth floor. As yet no brick work or inside work has been done.

Oh, yes, we are currently conducting an all-Spanish session of the Kingdom Ministry School. It is certainly fine to have our Spanish brothers with us and they are very happy and rejoice to be here.

Many of the Bethel family are away on vacation right now, but by September 1 we ought to be in full

What Lies Ahead?

¹ A vigorous preaching of the good news of the Kingdom to imperiled mankind is one thing that lies ahead. In reflecting on the report for the United States during the 1968 service year, it is a delight to observe that a total of 333,672 shared in Jehovah's service in April! This is the most we have ever had engage in the witness work in any one month in this country. Also, 5,926,076 hours were spent in the ministry in April, 213,221 subscriptions were obtained, and 308,118 studies were conducted; in February there were 11,572 regular pioneers in the service. And all these are new peaks for the United States, brothers! What a wonderful time we have had together in Jehovah's service! Yet at our district assemblies this summer we were all impressed with the shortness of the time and the urgency of the work that is ahead of us. With over 680,000 attending the Memorial in this country there are undoubtedly many people in our territory hungering for the truth that makes men free. Do we have a program to assist these hungering people during the 1969 service year? Yes, and a fine one!

² In the months of September and October we are going to have special public talks in all congregations across the land. They are to acquaint interested ones with basic swing again, able to take care of all of the orders for the new *Truth* book.

Of course, to us the date "September 1" means the beginning of a new service year, and by Jehovah's undeserved kindness we hope to make it our biggest and best as we work diligently in showing imperiled mankind the way to true security.

Be assured of our warm love for all of you.

Your brothers,
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and vital Bible truths and help them appreciate the need to act. It will be of great benefit to interested ones if they will adjust their affairs to attend, and we want to urge them and help them to do so. We might liken these talks to a nine-point program of Bible education. They will last nine weeks, with different vital Bible teachings being considered each week. Encourage interested ones to be at the Kingdom Hall at least one hour each week so as to get the full impact and benefit of this program. These talks will unquestionably prove to be a great aid in directing imperiled mankind to the way of security.

³ All of us are anxious to put into practice the information provided at the district assembly with regard to our speeded-up program in the Bible-study work. In *Presenting the Good News* in this issue of *Kingdom Ministry* you will find some suggestions that will aid you in this. So we will say no more about it here, except this—when we follow suggestions given by Jehovah's organization for spreading the good news, we find that rich blessings result, isn't that true? We are confident that this will be your happy lot as you share fully in this new program for Bible-study activity.

⁴ Our year's text for 1968 encourages "in all the nations the good news has to be preached first." (Mark 13:10) So during this month of September we will be sharing in this all-important work from house to house. We will be offering the new book, *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life*, for a contribution of 25c. Or, if your supply is depleted, you may offer either one book or a combination of two books, using *Life Everlasting*, *Impossible to Lie* or *Evolution* if you wish. A booklet may be given free with each of the large-size books. Point out to interested ones that the contents of

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Show imperiled mankind the way to security.



Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 3

Theme: Helping Others to Security. Song 37.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

8 min: Talk on urgency of having full share in preaching and teaching work, based on material presented at assembly. Recommend setting aside time for ministry each week and making progress in ability to present good news effectively.

20 min: "What Lies Ahead?" Questions and answers. Read paragraphs. Include a short demonstration or two on paragraph two, inviting interested ones to the public talk this Sunday. Paragraph four: Call on audience for talking points they will use in presenting the current offer.

5 min: Experiences to date in offering the "Truth" book and starting studies in it.

10 min: Branch Letter. Father quizzes children on Jehovah's blessing of his people. Make it pleasant. Commend children. Recommend that parents regularly set aside time to study and discuss with their children material that will strengthen them spiritually. Help them prepare for ministry and share with them in it.

12 min: Concluding comments. Include accounts report and "How Did We Do in July?" and Question Box. Song 80.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 15

Theme: Helping Others to Security Through Bible Studies. Song 69.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

13 min: "Work for a Balanced Education." Talk based on article in September 8, 1968, "Awake!"

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—A New Outlook on Bible Studies." Questions and answers. Read paragraphs.

15 min: How Will It Work? Publisher comments to chairman that he can see the value of the new arrangement for studying "Truth" book. But for householders to get most out of it, it will be necessary for them to study ahead; but how can we get them to do it?

Chairman calls for demonstration. (8 min.) (Start with paragraph 4 of chapter 1 of "Truth" book.) Publisher asks question at bottom of page. Householder hesitates, obviously not prepared; does not know answer. Publisher explains how he prepares: Asks question, reads paragraph, answers question in own words, then marks answer in book. Demonstrates. Invites householder to do it with next paragraph. Urges householder to prepare for next visit. He agrees to do so.

Chairman: It may be necessary with some to demonstrate this several times and discuss quite frankly the need to prepare ahead. Impress householder with the seriousness of the study and the need to put forth real effort to learn the truth that leads to life.

(7 min.) Enthusiastic chatty discussion between two or three publishers about how to do it and value of six-month study program, recalling points made at district assembly.

12 min: Ask audience reasons why interested persons will want to be present to hear Sunday's talk, "Why God Has Permitted Wickedness." (Get ideas from outline of talk in insert.) Urge publishers to help others to be

present. Concluding comments. Song 37.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 22

Theme: Help One Another to Stay Strong Spiritually. Song 117.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Our Service Meeting—A Rich Spiritual Meal." Questions and answers.

10 min: "Circuit Servants to Conduct Ministry School." This can be handled by the school servant.

Also remind congregation that the title of public talk Sunday is "God's Kingdom Rules—Soon a Paradise Earth." It is late in week; what will you do about helping interested ones attend if this has not already been arranged? Ask congregation for suggestions. Then invite audience to watch: Publisher calls interested one on phone and extends invitation, arranging to meet and go together.

7 min: Theocratic News. Include local experiences on making offer of "Truth" book and starting studies. Urge full share in work during coming week.

13 min: Serving Where There Is a Need for More Preachers.

If the congregation is working unassigned territory or helping another congregation with its territory, every effort should be made to complete it during September.

Is there territory in your own congregation needing attention? Encourage coverage of this. Refer to locations you are acquainted with in your state or circuit where help is needed. Some states where more preachers are particularly needed include Rhode Island, South Dakota, Kentucky, Tennessee; also Massachusetts, Maine, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North Dakota and Utah. There are 67 unassigned counties or parts of counties in 24 states not worked this summer. Could you help by sharing in the preaching work in one of these areas? Then we encourage you to do so. For further information write the Society's office providing the information requested in the "Lamp" book, pages 193, 194.

Briefly mention also one or two countries needing assistance in Central and South America. (See "Watchtower," June 15, pages 360-363; July 1, pages 409-412; July 15, pages 441-444.) Encourage brothers to give these matters serious thought. Use suggestions in "Watchtower," August 1 and August 15 issues.

10 min: Concluding comments. Also appropriate Announcements. Song 99.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 29

Theme: Keep Free to Follow Our Fine Shepherd. Song 109.

10 min: Introduction, text and comments. Talk on theme; see "Watchtower," October 1, 1968. Encourage publishers to make themselves fully available for Jehovah's service.

5 min: Two or three publishers enthusiastically discuss high points in special October 8, 1968, "Awake!"; what they like in it; what will go well in local territory.

15 min: How to Introduce and Present Subscription Offer.

Call on several to present the opening remarks they will use. The following suggestions may also be used: "Good morning. I have stopped by with something that may be both sur-

prising and encouraging to you. It has to do with the changes that are taking place in the world and what we can expect in the future. Notice what is stated here in the Bible at 2 Timothy 3."

"We've been asking our neighbors this question and would appreciate your opinion as well. We are all keenly aware of the increasing violence. But why is there so much of it? And what is the remedy? [Let householder answer.] I believe you will be interested in what is stated here in the Bible at 2 Timothy 3."

"Hello. I'm engaged in a community service. It has to do with the spirit of violence and rebellion that seems to be rising up everywhere. Serious people wonder just how it will all end up. Some wonder if it is an evidence of the 'end' that the Bible predicts. We are encouraging people to give thought to what the Bible has to say. What is happening is in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Note what it says here at 2 Timothy 3."

Next discuss four-point presentation with congregation. Then call on prepared publisher to present it.

Theme: Is It Later Than You Think?

(1) 2 Tim. 3:1-5 (Use appropriate verses).

(2) Open magazine to page 8, "The Sign of the 'Last Days.'"

(3) Turn to pictures in latter part of magazine, showing blessings that God holds out for man.

(4) Urge action on part of householder to get benefits. Offer "Awake!" subscription. Encourage Bible study.

20 min: Talk: "Why Christians Seek to Avoid Loose Conduct." Include suitable audience participation. See August 1, 1968, "Watchtower."

10 min: Concluding comments. Public talk Sunday: "Identifying the True Religion Is Vital." Interested people need this information so they can intelligently decide regarding matters of worship! Emphasize importance of helping them to be in attendance. Song 58.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. B-St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	989	124.0	52.7	7.2	126.4
Pios.	11,627	88.9	39.4	5.0	90.2
Vac. Pios.	5,351	84.9	23.9	1.7	78.5
Pubs.	308,095	9.5	4.4	.6	10.8
TOTAL	326,062				

Public Meetings Held: 17,164

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1968
342,516 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JULY?

You will be delighted to know that during July 326,062 publishers shared in the service. That means that this July close to 15,000 more publishers and pioneers shared in Jehovah's service than did during July last year. Isn't that a fine report? You will also be happy to know that the report includes 11,627 regular pioneers, which is a new peak for the United States.

Yet, the big news is how enthusiastically you brothers have been about offering the "Truth" book to others. July's report shows that 645,090 books were placed—well over twice the number placed last July! Just think how many back-calls we now have to make as we offer to study with these people and help them learn the truth that leads to eternal life!

SPECIAL PUBLIC TALKS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

HOW thrilled we all were when the speaker at our recent district assembly announced the release of the striking new book *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life!* In view of the short time left before this system of things ends, it is just the teaching aid we need to help honest-hearted persons learn quickly the lifesaving truths of the Bible.

Adding to our joy is the arrangement that has been made to help us become familiar with the entire book quickly so that we can use it effectively right away. This is one reason why the nine special public talks to be delivered during September and October will be based exclusively on the material found in the twenty-two chapters of the *Truth* book.

Meetings to Help You

Consider how you personally will be enriched and blessed by these nine special talks. They will afford you the opportunity to devote between eight and nine hours of public-meeting time to get well acquainted with the fine information in the new book. This will build up your own appreciation of basic Bible truths, and it will enable you to get in clear focus the main points of each chapter, the Scriptural arguments and helpful illustrations. Just think what a help that will be during the months ahead!

As a result of being well acquainted with the book, you will be able to use it to the best advantage in your house-to-house ministry and when doing incidental witnessing. You will know where to turn to find the information that best fits the needs of each person to whom you talk. Furthermore, this program of preparation will help you to conduct truly progressive home Bible studies with those who show a sincere desire to learn the truth.

Bring your personal study copy of the *Truth* book with you when you attend each of these special public talks. Then as the speaker covers the points, you can follow him in your open book. And when he invites the audience to comment on certain paragraphs, you can answer from your open book. Bring your Bible-study students too with their new book.

Now, is there something that you individually can do to make sure that you get the greatest benefit from these meetings? Yes, there is. If you will make it a point, each week, to go through the assigned chapters in advance, even doing so quickly, and mark the answers to the study questions, it will be most beneficial. Having

marked the basic answers, you will be able to concentrate more of your attention on the finer points brought out in the talk, the arguments used and the illustrations that support them.

You are going to prepare for home Bible studies in this book sometime. Why not do it now? Then you will be ready to conduct a study in any chapter in the book, and week by week, before going to your studies, you will need only a few minutes to glance at the points that you have marked in order to refresh your mind. The effort you put forth now will save you many hours during the months to come.

However, if someone is unable to study the material in advance, he surely will not want to miss hearing the talks. As each talk is given, he will be able to mark points in the margin of his book and perhaps underscore some of the answers in each chapter. Of course, being present to hear the talks will also build us all up spiritually.

Remember, there are nine of these special talks, one each Sunday during September and October. Make it your determination to be present every week.

Interested Persons

Another reason why we are having this special series of public talks is to benefit the persons with whom we are already conducting home Bible studies and anyone else who shows interest. Some of these people have had studies conducted with them for a number of months; others, for a number of years. But are they acting on what they have learned? If you are able to arrange for them to be present for this entire series of talks, it could well mark a major turning point in their lives. Their being present for these talks could, in many cases, do more good than many months of study apart from the congregation. Be enthusiastic about building up their interest in these special meetings. Explain that this is a program that is being put on in every congregation of Jehovah's witnesses in the United States during September and October only. Let them know that the material has been specially selected for the benefit of those who are studying the Bible in their homes with Jehovah's witnesses. Emphasize attending the entire series of talks, if at all possible. Arrange to bring them with you.

Some of the persons with whom studies are being conducted have never been to a Kingdom Hall. But that is an important step in one's

spiritual growth. If, as a result of enthusiastic support of this special series of public talks, you are able to get them to come to these congregation meetings, what a blessing it will be to them! It will make their home study more meaningful, and it will do more than words can ever accomplish in helping them to appreciate that Jehovah truly does have an organization on the earth today.

Speakers

There are a few basic points that you brothers who are going to give these talks should keep in mind in order to deliver them effectively. As you look over your assigned material you will notice that there is plenty of it. Since all the material for your talk is in the *Truth* book, you should not go to other publications to search out additional material nor should you use scriptures not found in the chapters you are covering. Use only the material in the chapters assigned. This is the material that the Society has provided for these talks. *Remember that these talks are designed to help your brothers become familiar with the contents of the "Truth" book!* They will want to follow you in their books. To help them do this, you need to present the material in the exact order it appears in the book.

To prepare well, thoroughly familiarize yourself with the information in the appropriate chapters. Below you will find the title for each talk and the chapters assigned to it along with suggestions on how to present the material. Read these carefully. In most chapters the main points have been clearly indicated; these should be constantly highlighted as you deliver your talk. You can do this by repeating them, also by listing them on a chart or blackboard. By your making the few main points for each chapter very clear the brothers will see what points deserve special emphasis when teaching others. So give careful consideration to this matter and handle your material in such a way that it all emphasizes the key points.

Note that most of the outlines below contain a few scriptures. These appear in the *Truth* book, but they are listed here to indicate that you should plan to use them. If time will not allow you to read them all, just quote or paraphrase some. You may want to ask certain publishers ahead of time to be prepared to read selected texts from the Bible.

Remember, it is our hope that many new ones will be present. Speak with them in mind. Be emphatic. Be enthusiastic. Be clear. Use the same sincerity and conviction you would use in talking to such persons in their homes during a Bible study. Be sure to emphasize what the

audience should do about what they are learning.

A number of recommendations are given to add variety to your presentation. If at all possible, follow them. However, you will have to take into consideration what you have to work with locally. In smaller congregations it may not be possible to do all that is suggested here. But even small groups will be able to assemble together and discuss the assigned material for that week.

By all means, bring your copy of the *Truth* book with you to the platform and refer to it. You may feel that certain passages in the book express things so well that you want to read them to the audience. If, for example, you think that the printed introduction to a chapter is very effective, you may read it. However, if you wish to express the same thought in your own words, that is all right too. You may be talking with the *Truth* book open in your hands. This does not mean that you will be reading all the material to your audience, but from time to time you may read a short portion. You will not be able to cover every paragraph in detail, so you will have to paraphrase some of them. Maybe just a short sentence or two to cover the point of a paragraph will be sufficient. But be sure to help the audience to follow you in the book.

The printed suggestions below are directed to the speakers, but they will whet the appetites of everyone and move all to give wholehearted support to this special series of talks.

Sept. 1: The Blessings from Knowing God

May be handled by two speakers, Chapters 1 and 2 (30 min.) and Chapter 3 (25 min.).

Chapter 1: It is vital to consider God's purposes now in order to enjoy blessings soon to come. Direct attention to the book as you briefly discuss thoughts in paragraphs 1-3. Main points from first chapter to emphasize: (1) God promises to bless obedient mankind with peace, health and eternal life. Read Psalm 37:10, 11. Ask audience to answer question 5; reason on part "b" after answer is given. Read Isaiah 25:8. Ask question 6. (2) God assures us that he will bring change soon. Ask questions 9 and 10. (3) To benefit, we must study God's Word now. Use 1 Timothy 2:4.

Chapter 2: Personal examination of beliefs is necessary (par. 1). Have Matthew 7:13, 14 read. Comment very briefly on paragraph 3. Show that Biblical view of religion is different from common ones. Ask for a common view, and have someone ready to bring up viewpoint in first sentence of paragraph 4. Disprove it with material in paragraphs 4-6. Ask for another and get: "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you are sincere." Use paragraphs 7-10, reading Matthew 7:21-23. All need to study Bible to know what is right, even though this may result in some opposition (pars. 11, 12). Review main points established: (1) Not all religion is approved by God. (2) All need to examine own beliefs in light of Bible. Motivate audience to make a prayerful examination (par. 13), for blessings discussed above depend on it.

Chapter 3: Read paragraph 1. Cover paragraphs 2-4 quite briefly, using Acts 15:14 to show importance of knowing God has a name. Have person assigned to ask you selected questions; you will reply. Have him ask questions 5, 6b, 7a, 8a, 9a, 10 and 11. (All right to rephrase to add naturalness.) Give gist of paragraphs 12

and 13, and then have questioner ask questions on paragraphs 14, 15, 17 and 18. In answering, read or paraphrase John 14:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3; John 1:1, 2, 18 and Acts 2:33. You can then refer to book mentioned in paragraph 19. Have 22b asked (include in reply thoughts in paragraphs 21-23 as time permits). Summarize main points covered: (1) God's name is Jehovah, and we should use it. (2) God's qualities make him worthy of our worship. (3) God is no "Trinity." (4) We must worship with spirit and truth, and not with idols. Conclude by reading or paraphrasing paragraph 24.

Sept. 8: Where Are the Dead?

Explain that two related subjects must be considered in order to obtain answer: Why we grow old and die, and the condition and prospects for the dead.

Chapter 4: (20 min.) To be delivered as straight talk following development of material in the chapter. Stress repeatedly how this information affects us today, and develop reasoning in paragraphs 8, 10 and 12. Main points: (1) Adam and Eve were created with the prospect of eternal life. (2) They sinned by disobeying God's law. (3) Their sin affects us today. (4) We can benefit from God's provision for salvation from sin and death.

Chapter 5: (35 min.) Rhetorically pose questions in paragraph 1. Read Genesis 3:19 and reason on it. Read and tie in Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10. Question logically arises, Does man have immortal soul? Have two people on platform cover paragraphs 4-9 (8 min.), one witnessing to other. (Emphasize 5, 6 and 9; touch others briefly.) Speaker takes up again, using Job 34:14, 15 to explain what "spirit" is and how it is sustained by breathing (pars. 11-17). Have interested person, who is still on stage, ask Witness: "Don't the wicked go to a fiery hell?" Speaker breaks in and briefly covers paragraphs 18-21. Interested person asks about 'rich man and Lazarus.' Speaker invites Witness on platform to comment on it briefly (as in pars. 22, 23) (4 min.). Speaker continues, discussing Gehenna and purgatory (pars. 24-26). Then he shows many have hope of resurrection (pars. 27-29). Review main points: (1) Man is a mortal soul. (2) Spirit or life force is sustained in man by breathing. (3) At death man returns to dust; he does not go to burning hell. (4) Hope for the dead rests in the resurrection. Conclude commenting on importance of truth that leads to eternal life.

Sept. 15: A Son Loyal to God—and Those Who Rebelled

May have one speaker for each chapter, or same one for both.

Chapter 6: (25 min.) To be delivered as talk. As you conclude discussion of first main point below, emphasize that the entire Bible focuses attention on Jesus and his part in God's purpose. With the second main point, discuss particularly points covered by questions 4, 5b, 6b, 7 and 8. With point three, include questions 9a, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15c and 16. Be sure to highlight throughout that Jesus is a loyal Son; this will serve as contrast for next half. Main points to cover: (1) God provides the blessings of eternal life only through his loyal Son Jesus. Use Acts 4:12. (2) This Son served God loyally in heaven prior to coming to earth, as well as when on earth. Reason on import of Matthew 3:16, 17. (3) Jesus' sacrifice opens way to forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Quote Matthew 20:28. (4) As the King anointed by God, Jesus carries out God's will. Conclude by reading or paraphrasing paragraph 19.

Chapter 7: (30 min.) After brief introductory comments covering paragraph 1, invite panel of three to platform to pose reasonable and common questions about spirits who rebelled. Question 1: How could one answer objection that Satan is only a quality of evil and not a person? Answer from paragraphs 2 and 3, using Matthew 4:1-11; read verses 1 and 10. After you show that Satan was at one time a perfect spirit son, entertain question 2: How could a perfect spirit rebel without anyone to tempt him? Cover paragraphs 4-8 and read James 1:14, 15. Also explain briefly that other spirits followed course of rebellion (pars. 9, 10). Question 3: Since Jehovah is Almighty and a protector, why do we need to concern ourselves with this at all? (a) Read and reason on John 14:30, using thoughts in paragraphs 11 and 12. (b) Bring in warning at Deuteronomy 18:10-12 and show seriousness of it, covering paragraphs 13-18. (c) Read 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15, and reason on it with points in paragraphs 19-21. Emphasize seriousness of taking right course so as not to be numbered among those who rebel against God.

Sept. 22: Why God Has Permitted Wickedness

Chapter 8: (35 min.) Speaker will deliver as regular talk, using blackboard if possible. Briefly discuss material in paragraphs 1-3, and read Genesis 3:4, 5. (1) On blackboard list issues presented in paragraphs 4 and 5, commenting on each one listed in paragraph 4. Have someone in audience prepared to tell story of Job (par. 5) (1½ min.). Briefly illustrate God's way of settling the issues as is done in paragraphs 6-8, and read Exodus 9:15, 16. (2) Explain how the results have shown (a) failure of man's attempt at independence from God (pars. 11, 12), (b) failure of Satan's rule (par. 13), (c) rightness of God's way of ruling and that man can stay loyal to God under test (pars. 14-16). (3) Time allowed for test has not been long from God's standpoint (par. 18), and humans have benefited from time allowed (pars. 19-21); list on board: (a) We have had opportunity to be born and to gain eternal life; (b) God has used the time to prepare heavenly government, which benefits mankind; (c) We can have satisfaction of knowing that the challenge to God's rulership will be settled for all time. By our course of action we show our attitude toward God's rulership. If we are wholeheartedly obedient to God, we will be spared when wickedness is soon brought to an end (pars. 22, 23).

Chapter 9: (20 min.) Information should be clear and persuasive for new ones present. Explain that this part will amplify Kingdom government mentioned earlier. Discuss points indicated by questions 1b, 2 (quote Luke 12:32). Show reasonableness of Kingdom arrangement, as in paragraphs 4 and 5. Refer back to Luke 12:32 and then have Revelation 14:1, 3 read. Read question 8 or have someone in audience ask it; use thoughts in paragraphs 8-12 to answer. Slant comments to new ones. Answer question 12b. In covering paragraphs 14-16, read John 14:2, 3 and 19. Review main points covered: (1) God has chosen 144,000 to be kings and priests with Christ in heaven. (2) Holy spirit gives them heavenly hope, but most persons taking up service of God now have hope of eternal life on earth. (3) Christ returns to take "little flock" to heaven, not to become a man on earth himself. Encourage audience to seek ways to cooperate with those called to heavenly life.

Sept. 29: God's Kingdom Rules—Soon a Paradise Earth

May be handled by symposium of three speakers. Could list on blackboard: 1. Kingdom—1914; 2. Last days; 3. Paradise.

Chapter 10: (20 min.) Brief introduction (2 min.) setting out line of thought in paragraphs 1-5. Then refer audience to illustration on page 85, and quote Matthew 24:3. Discuss paragraph 7. Invite audience to answer questions 8-15 and 17. (Have some in audience ready with brief pointed comments. Get one good comment on each, a comment that includes a quotation or statistic.) Increased trouble since 1914 because Devil knows his time is short (par. 19). Quote Revelation 12:12. Jehovah's people rejoice, declare meaning of it all (par. 20). Christ began to rule in 1914; soon Kingdom will "come" to destroy wicked and rule forever (par. 21).

Chapter 11: (15 min.) Might prepare illustration similar to one on page 95, or direct attention to that one in book. Main points to make: (1) We are living in the "last days" and near their end. Read Matthew 24:34 and reason on it as in paragraph 3 (3 min.). (2) God is now accomplishing a separating work. Have someone relate Matthew 25:31-46. Call attention to question 6, and answer both parts (3 min.). (3) Jehovah will destroy all persons and organizations who by their practices make themselves his enemies (pars. 7-12) (6 min.). (4) The earth will never be destroyed. Motivate audience to recognize that they should not sympathize with God's enemies, but should seek God's protection (3 min.).

Chapter 12: (20 min.) Speaker will open with brief comments on paragraphs 3, 4, 7 and 8, reading and applying Ephesians 1:9, 10. (On stage a father will explain to his young daughter the conditions that will prevail in paradise; daughter may add fitting questions and replies to leading questions from her father.) Speaker will read question 10. The father, as if answering the question for his daughter, will explain to her conditions that answer question 10. Then speaker will cover points in paragraph 11, and ask how Kingdom will affect our personal health. Father will answer to his daughter, explaining appropriate points from paragraphs 12 and 13. Speaker will read question 14. In response, father will cover paragraphs 14,

15, 17, 18 and 20. Speaker asks how literal paradise conditions will come about. Father covers paragraphs 22-24. Speaker concludes covering paragraphs 25 and 26 and urging audience to live up to God's righteous requirements for life then.

Oct. 6: Identifying the True Religion Is Vital

Speaker may have on platform with him a person who was a Catholic or who will take that part. This one will, at designated times, state his former views. Speaker will reason with him on Bible view, using *Truth* book. Catholic Bible may be used with Chapter 13.

Chapter 13: (27 min.) Speaker will open with brief comments to audience on paragraphs 1-3. *Former Catholic*: When one becomes a Catholic, he is supposed to be joining the true church. Speaker explains Hebrews 12:23, and touches on paragraphs 4 and 6. *Former Catholic*: The Catholic church is said to be built on Peter. Speaker uses Ephesians 2:19, 20 to show that Jesus is the foundation of the true church. Read Matthew 16:18; use material in paragraphs 9-12 to reason on it. *Former Catholic*: Some Protestants believe that the true church is made up of persons from all religions. Speaker uses information in paragraphs 13 and 14 to prove why that is not Scriptural. Show that some of the true church are still on earth and that one's life depends on working in close cooperation with them (pars. 15-17).

Chapter 14: (28 min.) *Former Catholic*: Having in mind what you just said, how would one identify the true religion? Reason briefly on thoughts in paragraphs 1-3, reading Matthew 7:21-23. Speaker invites him to list following main points on blackboard as they are discussed. (Use the five italicized points, in paragraphs 4, 7, 11, 13, 15.) As he gets to appropriate points, he reads John 13:35; Acts 17:11; John 17:26; Luke 8:1 and John 15:19. Just before concluding, speaker may want to hand book to former Catholic and ask him to read out loud paragraph 18. Speaker, keeping in mind that many new ones are present, urges with sincerity that all do what that paragraph says, regularly associating with Jehovah's witnesses. Worshiping God in the way that he approves brings great blessings now and is the only way to gain eternal life.

Oct. 13: Separate Yourself from False Religion and All Its Customs

May have one or two speakers, as is convenient locally.

Chapter 15: (25 min.) To be delivered basically as a talk, though some questions will be asked of audience. This talk will be especially valuable for non-Witnesses who are attending, so slant it to them; use sincerity and tact. Main points to cover: (1) Necessary to separate from false religion (pars. 1, 2). Use 2 Corinthians 6:14-17. (2) Babylon the Great is a religious empire including all false religion (pars. 3-11). Explain point of paragraph 3 in your own words. Read Revelation 18:4. Be brief on history of Babylon. Ask audience questions 8a, 9a and 10. (3) A firm stand for the truth brings blessings (pars. 12-19). Ask audience questions 12a, 13a, 14a and 17 and comment briefly on intermediate points. Weave in Hebrews 10:24, 25. Cover paragraph 19 in your own words, but deliver it with real conviction, recognizing that the lives of many in your audience are going to be affected directly.

Chapter 16: (30 min.) Speaker might have a small panel on the platform. They could be consulted regarding historical material on the various topics. Thus these "experts" could provide briefly a good secular comment supporting each point made. Speaker can begin by discussing paragraphs 1-3, reading Psalm 16:11 and then giving gist of Romans 12:2. Boldface subheadings in the chapter indicate main aspects to cover in talk. When considering the cross, look up Acts 5:30. Regarding images, ask for comment from audience bringing out a text on the Biblical position, such as Exodus 20:4, 5, etc. Apportion time so that each heading is given due attention. In concluding with John 8:32 the speaker should emphasize that the truth concerning these matters is very important; it is not just a matter of opinion, but an identifying mark of the true worship. To be pleasing to God, we must be unspotted by customs that displease him.

Oct. 20: Pleasing God by Prayerful Obedience

This talk could be divided into three separate parts, but if one speaker will deliver all parts, he may want to display on a blackboard: 1. Prayers that God hears;

2. Christian obedience to law; 3. Godly respect for life and blood.

Chapter 17: (17 min.) There is more material than can be used, so be selective. Try to put across these points: (1) Pray to Jehovah, and through Jesus alone (pars. 3, 4). (2) What makes one's prayer pleasing to God (pars. 5-10). (3) Appreciate the privilege of prayer (pars. 11, 12). Texts that may be used, being either read or quoted, are Philippians 4:6, 7; John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:12 and 1 John 5:14. As a review at the conclusion, ask for one-sentence answers to questions 3, 4, 5b, 7a and 10b. (Have someone in audience to reply if others do not.) Urge hearers to pray regularly and receive the benefits.

Chapter 18: (20 min.) After opening comments patterned after paragraphs 1 and 2, base a discussion on selected portions of Romans 13:1-7, as is done in paragraphs 3-5. Emphasize practical application to modern-day life. Raise question 5a and answer it. Then invite audience to look in on a Christian father explaining to his young son some common ways this matter of obedience to law and its limitations can affect Christians. Father will reason with his son on some of the points in paragraphs 6 and 7. He should be sure to look up Acts 5:29 and remind son of commandment against idolatry. Then he will open *Truth* book and share with son the quotation from Justin Martyr (par. 8). The speaker can take up at paragraphs 9, 10, reasoning from Bible on significance of Revelation 19:17, 18 and 1 Corinthians 7:23. Encourage all to be obedient in everything to the law of God. Stress obedience and relate to title.

Chapter 19: (18 min.) Speaker can open with thoughts from paragraphs 1 and 2. Invite all to look up Genesis 9:5, 6, and hold place there for further use. You may want to read paragraph 5 directly from the *Truth* book. In discussing second main point, go back to Genesis 9 and read verses 3 and 4. Use Acts 15:28, 29 to show that this involves Christians. Have someone in audience read the quotation in paragraph 9. Show that this matter applies to blood transfusions, by reasoning on Acts 15:20, 29. Review main points: (1) Shedding human blood violates God's law (pars. 3-5). (2) We must not take the blood of any creature into our bodies (pars. 6-10). (3) Obedience to God's law on blood results in blessings (pars. 11, 12). Conclude by directing attention to value of Christ's shed blood and importance of aiding others to put faith in it (par. 13). During talk, interject comments about importance of prayerful obedience, so audience can see how this connects with overall title.

Oct. 27: Shouldering the Responsibilities of the True Faith

The first part of this talk, covering Chapter 20, should be handled by a mature, married man, if possible. The final two chapters should be considered together, and delivered with evident conviction and sincerity. One speaker may handle the whole talk, or two brothers may be used.

Chapter 20: (28 min.) After an introduction based on paragraphs 1 and 2, the speaker could emphasize that both husband and wife have Scriptural responsibilities and privileges. (1) He might have a short scene prepared wherein he sits down with a young couple engaged to be married and discusses with each these responsibilities and privileges, covering paragraphs 3-8. Base the comments on Ephesians 5:23, 25 and 33. (2) Resuming talk, speaker should deal with rearing of children (pars. 9-17). As talk progresses, invite parents to answer questions 12, 14 and 16. (3) Shifting to the subject of family difficulties, briefly discuss thoughts from paragraphs 18-24 in a simple, straightforward manner. Be sure to end on a positive note, tying in theme of talk.

Chapters 21 and 22: (27 min.) The first part of this section should be directed especially to unbaptized ones, being expressed and delivered with them in mind. Use the material that answers the study questions, keeping to the fore the boldface subheadings in Chapter 21. Time is limited; do not try to cover too many details. Emphasize the application of this information to each individual. Be positive in presenting points in paragraphs 11-14. When covering Chapter 22, keep in mind that this exhortation should move our brothers too. Quote 1 Corinthians 10:31 and read Ephesians 4:22-24. Incite to endurance, either quoting or reading Hebrews 10:36. End on a happy, positive note, as does paragraph 9.

NOTE: The chairman for each week should announce at the beginning of the meeting the chapters from the *Truth* book that will be covered that day. And for the first few weeks, he can include in his conclusion encouragement to bring the book next week.

Our Service Meeting—A Rich Spiritual Meal

¹ What makes a good service meeting? The same thing that makes a good meal—thorough preparation of nourishing food! Jehovah's organization provides us with nourishing spiritual food, and by our supplying thorough preparation our service meetings can be a real stimulus to zeal and faith for our brothers.

² What does thorough preparation mean? It starts with those who have assignments on the meeting. For them it means starting early on the assignment and not waiting until several days before the meeting. It means getting clearly in mind the basic purpose of the part, and then making sure that each point made contributes to this purpose. It means giving careful thought to a setting that is fresh, yet instructive and workable in the congregation territory. A review of Study 23 in the *Qualified to Be Ministers* book and the material on "The Service Meeting" in the "Lamp" book will help us to have variety while avoiding showy scenes and overdone props. We also want to give thought to how the material develops the meeting's theme and then make this stand out. If the assignment is a question-and-answer discussion, then questions that are short and pointed yet thought-provoking should be prepared. There is no need for long introductions or conclusions. It is best to get right into the questions for good results. Further, the questions should encourage the audience to reason "why." All these suggestions are part of preparing well the nourishing spiritual meal that will be enjoyed by our brothers.

³ Most cooks, when preparing a good meal, would hesitate to serve a new dish to others before trying it ahead of time. So it is good that we try our meeting parts by rehearsing them before giving them to the congregation. We are sure you will agree that rehearsals contribute much to the effectiveness of the service meeting. Are you really doing all you can to rehearse your service meetings for the benefit of all concerned? In view of your circumstances, could you be doing more? If so, it would undoubtedly be a blessing to the congregation. As to when the different parts might be rehearsed, if a group is involved, such as in a demonstration, perhaps it could be before or after the book study and some parts might be checked after the *Watchtower* study on Sunday. The value of such rehearsal and counsel is that the meetings will end on time and will be presented in an instructional,

coherent manner that will build up our brothers spiritually for the ministry.

⁴ Food that is properly cooked before being served is tastier and more easily digested. Likewise, if all study in advance the spiritual food to be discussed at the service meeting, we will find it more enjoyable and more easily assimilated into our minds and hearts. It is also true that the passing of food by each one at the table during the meal makes an important contribution to the meal. So each one in the congregation can assume his share of the responsibility for making the meeting lively and beneficial by commenting, relating experiences and taking part in demonstrations when invited. Our preparation for this shows that we are very concerned with giving a pleasing sacrifice of praise to Jehovah.

⁵ The dessert of a meal is looked forward to with delight and joy, and brings the meal to a satisfying end. If the overseer's final expressions are well thought out and prepared, the concluding comments will be looked forward to with great expectation and will bring the meeting to a joyful ending.

⁶ So by each one putting forth a wholehearted effort in preparation, each week our service meeting will be a rich spiritual meal that is instructive, faith-strengthening, and motivating all to a full and joyful share in the ministry.

Announcements

◆ Literature Offer:

September: You may use *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* for a contribution of 25c. If your supply of this book runs out you may offer one of the other recent book books, or a combination of two books.

October: *Awake!* subscription and three booklets, for \$1.

November: *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life*, for 25c. Be sure that your congregation has an ample supply with which to work. It is available in six languages: English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish.

◆ The October 8 *Awake!* will be a special issue: "Is It Later Than You Think?" The October 15 *Watchtower* will be a special issue too containing the talk "Man's Rule About to Give Way to God's Rule." Order extra supplies early.

◆ In ordering handbills a remittance of 25c per 1,000 should accompany each order for all handbills regardless of style. Style 1 handbills are for regular current circuit and district servant talks and Society films. Style 2 handbills are for all talks in the regular series, circuit servant talks or talks made up locally. A minimum of three and a maximum of five talks should be listed. Style 3 handbills show all of the congregation meetings, the time, day and location held. For further information

Circuit Servants to Conduct Ministry School

¹ It has been helpful and instructive to have the circuit servant conduct the congregation book study for the past year or more, hasn't it? But that has served its purpose, and he will not do it on his next visit. So, how would you like to have the circuit servant handle the Theocratic Ministry School during his next visit to the congregation? The Society is arranging for him to do this. We feel it will be a refreshing change and that the school servant as well as the rest of us will benefit from his good counsel.

² What we have arranged is this: Starting with the first week in September and during his next complete round of the circuit the circuit servant will handle the Theocratic Ministry School, instead of having the school servant do so during the week of his visit. On the following visit of the circuit servant the appointed school servant will handle the school. This will give the circuit servant opportunity to observe how he handles his assignment and to offer private counsel and suggestions to the school servant. Then the third time around the circuit the circuit servant will handle the

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What Lies Ahead?

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the new book are especially for those who want to know the truth, Bible facts, not religious fiction. Show them the chapters that you believe will stimulate the greatest interest. If interest is aroused, by all means try to start a Bible study.

⁵ The fulfillment of Mark 13:10 is an integral part of the "sign" of Christ's presence and the end of the system of things. Remember, when the "witness" is completed, then "the end" comes. (Matt. 24:14) Are you not personally thankful that you can be fully occupied in showing imperiled mankind the way to security? We know that you are, and we are happy to be working so closely with you in giving the final witness!

on these three available styles, please see page four of the letter addressed To All Congregations, January 1, 1966.

◆ New publications available:

The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life
—English, Dutch, French,
German, Italian, Spanish
Man's Rule About to Give Way to God's Rule
—English, Spanish
"This Good News of the Kingdom"
—Papiamentu, Tagalog
"Look! I Am Making All Things New"
—Samar-Leyte

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:

Basis for Belief in a New World
—English
—Spanish
Watch Tower Publications Index
(yearly indexes) for 1961, 1962, 1964

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

A New Outlook on Bible Studies

¹ Free home Bible studies are a hallmark of Jehovah's witnesses the world around. How helpful this work has been in aiding hundreds of thousands of persons to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth and to take their stand on Jehovah's side! But now time is running short for this old system of things and we want to help as many sheeplike ones as we can to learn the truth and act on it while there is still time.

² So we have a new approach to use in the Bible-study work. Yes, it is still free of charge. But, as suggested at the "Good News for All Nations" district assemblies this summer, we will seek to help as many people as possible through a six-month Bible-study program.

³ To accomplish this, endeavor to hold your studies each week. If an unavoidable situation arises and you personally have to miss a study, perhaps another publisher with whom the householder is acquainted can conduct the study that week. Progress is directly related to the regularity of the study. Have in mind helping them learn enough of the truth so that they can act on it within six months.

⁴ It would be good to try to study *a whole chapter of the "Truth" book each week*, though this may not be possible with all householders or with all the chapters in the book. But when you can do it, it will aid the interested one to get a clear picture of the entire subject at one study. To cover some chapters it may take as much as

an hour and a half. But if you have the time and the householder does, then we recommend that you complete the chapter. Those who are really interested will likely be eager to complete the subject. What will make it possible to cover the material at this pace without unwisely rushing? Here are several suggestions.

⁵ Both you and the householder will need to study ahead. If some need help in developing good study habits, show them how you prepare for the study and mark your book and urge them to do so too.

⁶ Also, you will notice that each chapter has a good number of pointed scriptures quoted to establish clearly the points being made. In many cases the scriptures that are quoted will fully satisfy the householder. When it is apparent that the student gets the point and is convinced of the matter, there may be no need to read additional Scriptural proof. However, if the point being studied represents quite a change in viewpoint for the householder or he does not seem to appreciate the full significance of it, take time to read the additional scriptures that are cited. You will find all of them well chosen to bear directly on the point being made.

⁷ In order to be able to complete a chapter, where practical, within the available time, we also recommend that you focus attention on the points that answer the printed questions and show how the scriptures support them. But do not feel that during your study you need to enlarge on every expression in the book.

⁸ At all times keep before interested ones the importance of beginning to associate with Jehovah's people at the meetings. If, at the end of six months of intensive study and conscientious efforts to get them to meetings, they are not yet associating with the congregation, then it may be best to use your time to study with someone else who really wants to learn the truth and make progress. Make it your goal to present the good news on Bible studies in such a way that interested ones will act within six months!

Circuit Servants

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school again, acting as school servant. We hope you will enjoy this adjustment in the schedule and benefit from it.

³ Thursday evening the circuit servant will attend a book study selected by the overseer. The appointed study servant will handle the study, and the circuit servant may give an upbuilding talk to the group for 10 or 15 minutes after the study. The circuit servant will be happy to offer appropriate counsel and suggestions privately to the study servant. Other study servants will conduct their own studies.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Durham, North Carolina, North Unit, had publishers serving as vacation pioneers for twenty-five consecutive months.

◆ Congo (Kinshasa) reports that over 10,300 attended their four district assemblies. The program was presented in seven languages.

◆ The 281 publishers in Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, are overjoyed that 615 attended their circuit assembly. A new peak in Bible studies is reported.

◆ Island of Martinique has 326 publishers, which is a 35-percent increase.

◆ Tanzania reached a 20-percent goal with 1,033 publishers reporting. The special pioneers there average 10 studies.

◆ A new peak of 4,822 publishers is reported by Colombia. Bible studies are now up to 6,880, which is 1,500 more than last June.

◆ Australia enjoys a new peak of 18,913 publishers. There were also peaks in the number of books placed, regular pioneers and home Bible studies. Some congregations are now averaging 16 hours per publisher.

◆ Uruguay reports 2,568 publishers for the first time and there were 9,800 more hours reported this June than last June. Back-calls are up almost 5,000 and home Bible studies are almost 1,000 over last year.

◆ Mozambique has 1,798 publishers, a 26.7-percent increase.

◆ There were 4,504 reporting in Puerto Rico, which means that the 20-percent goal was reached. Hours are up 9,000 over previous peak and magazine placements are up 7,600. Along with a new peak in Bible studies, congregation publishers average 13 hours each.

◆ Congo (Brazzaville), Okinawa and Korea all enjoy new peaks in publishers.

Question Box

● Is Kingdom Hall construction still in order?

Yes; as has always been the case, congregations are free to determine for themselves what they will do relative to their Kingdom Hall facilities. If a congregation decides that it should buy property or build a Kingdom Hall, it is entirely in order for this to be done if the congregation can carry such a project to a successful conclusion and wishes to do so. Some correspondence that we have received shows that there are rumors to the effect that the Society is now discouraging Kingdom Hall construction and that congregations should no longer undertake such projects. Such rumors are false, says the President of the Society. Brother Knorr just arranged for the building of several branch offices with Kingdom Halls in them. The Society is glad to see congregations taking steps to provide suitable Kingdom Hall facilities, and the Society is happy to cooperate in any way that it can.



Always rejoice in Jehovah's service.

