

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2014

MONTHLY THEME: “Preach the word; be at it urgently.”—2 Tim. 4:2.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 13

Song 8 and Prayer

❑ **Congregation Bible Study:**

cl/ chap. 14 ¶10-15 (30 min.)

❑ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 4-6 (10 min.)

No. 1: Deuteronomy 4:29-43 (4 min. or less)

No. 2: Changes That Must Be Made to Please God—*rs* p. 369 ¶3–p. 370 ¶1 (5 min.)

No. 3: What the Bible Says About Homosexuality—*rs* p. 368 ¶4–p. 369 ¶2 (5 min.)

❑ **Service Meeting:**

Song 92

5 min: What Does It Mean to Preach With Urgency? Enthusiastic talk highlighting 2 Timothy 4:2. Use material in the March 15, 2012, *Watchtower*, pages 16-17, paragraphs 7-9.

10 min: Why Is Our Preaching Urgent? Talk by an elder based on the March 15, 2012, *Watchtower*, pages 15-16, paragraphs 3-6, and page 18, paragraphs 14-18. Emphasize how applying the direction in the series of *Kingdom Ministry* articles entitled “Improving Our Skills in the Ministry” can help us to preach with a sense of urgency.

15 min: “Seize Your Opportunities to Spread the Kingdom Message!” Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 3, invite audience to relate experiences they have had witnessing informally. Conclude by tying in the monthly theme. Encourage audience to read the two articles in the series “A Conversation With a Neighbor” that will be discussed at next week’s Service Meeting.

Song 97 and Prayer

Seize Your Opportunities to Spread the Kingdom Message!

¹ King David was someone who did not allow his circumstances to paralyze him. For example, David wanted to build a house for Jehovah. When he was prevented from doing so, David adjusted his goals and helped get

1. What lesson can we learn from David’s example?

things ready for Solomon to build the temple. (1 Ki. 8:17-19; 1 Chron. 29:3-9) Instead of dwelling on what he could not do, David focused on what he *could* do. How can we imitate David’s example as we look for ways to spread the Kingdom message?

² **Do What You Can:** Many have simplified their life in order to enroll as auxiliary or regular pioneers. (Matt. 6:22, ftn.) Could you join them? As you prayerfully examine your circumstances, you may see that “a large door that leads to activity” is open to you. If so, seize that opportunity!—1 Cor. 16:8, 9.

³ What, though, if your circumstances prevent you from pioneering? Do not overlook other opportunities available to you. For example, if your secular work brings you in contact with nonbelievers, why not seize an appropriate opportunity to witness to them? Or if you are dealing with health problems, can you take advantage of opportunities to witness to your health-care providers? Remember that there is a provision for those who are very limited in their activity because of age or a serious health condition to report field service time in 15-minute increments. When filling out your monthly field service report, be sure to include time spent witnessing informally as well as any literature placements, including individual tracts and Memorial and convention invitations. You may be surprised at how quickly the time from those seemingly small opportunities adds up!

⁴ Whatever our personal circumstances, let us seize every opportunity to spread the good news. We will thereby experience the satisfaction of knowing that we are doing all we can for the sake of the Kingdom.—Mark 14:8; Luke 21:2-4.

2. What self-examination could we make?

3. What opportunities to witness can we take advantage of even if our circumstances do not allow us to pioneer?

4. What is your determination?

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 20

Song 109 and Prayer

❑ **Congregation Bible Study:**

cl chap. 14 ¶16-20, box on p. 147 (30 min.)

❑ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 7-10 (10 min.)

No. 1: Deuteronomy 9:15-29 (4 min. or less)

No. 2: Why a Perfect Man Could Sin—*rs* p. 371 ¶2—p. 372 ¶3 (5 min.)

No. 3: Adonijah—Do Not Question Jehovah’s Decisions—*it*-1 pp. 49-50, Adonijah No. 1 (5 min.)

❑ **Service Meeting:**

Song 116

15 min: “Explaining Our Beliefs About 1914.” Discussion. Invite comments on each bulleted question.

15 min: A Tool to Help Us Explain Our Beliefs About 1914. Begin with a seven-minute demonstration of a publisher using the chart on page 11 of the November 1, 2014, *Watchtower* to give his Bible student an overview of how the prophecy recorded in Daniel chapter 4 relates to God’s Kingdom. Invite the audience to comment on why the demonstration was effective. Conclude by reading Revelation 12:10, 12 and inviting the audience to comment on how our knowing that the Kingdom began ruling in 1914 motivates us to preach the good news with urgency.

Song 133 and Prayer

Explaining Our Beliefs About 1914

The Scriptures encourage us to be “ready to make a defense” of our beliefs, “doing so with a mild temper and deep respect.” (1 Pet. 3:15) Realistically, we may find it challenging to explain deep Bible truths, such as how we know that the Kingdom started ruling in 1914. To help us, a two-part series entitled “A Conversation With a Neighbor—When Did God’s Kingdom Begin Ruling?” has been prepared. These articles appear in the issues of *The Watchtower* that we are featuring in our ministry during October and November. As you examine these articles, consider the following questions regarding the approach taken by Cameron, the publisher in the scenario.

How did he . . .

- use commendation to establish common ground?—Acts 17:22.
- display humility when explaining his beliefs?—Acts 14:15.

Why was it good that he . . .

- periodically summarized before covering additional points?
- paused from time to time and asked whether the householder understood what he had explained so far?
- did not try to cover too much information in one discussion?—John 16:12.

How grateful we can be to Jehovah, our “Grand Instructor,” for teaching us how to explain deep Bible truths to those who hunger for them!—Isa. 30:20.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 27

Song 5 and Prayer

❑ **Congregation Bible Study:**

c/ chap. 15 ¶1-10 (30 min.)

❑ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 11-13 (10 min.)

Theocratic Ministry School Review (20 min.)

❑ **Service Meeting:**

Song 45

15 min: “How to Cultivate a Sense of Urgency About Preaching.” Discussion. Have a demonstration showing a publisher presenting the *Bible Teach* book or a tract.

15 min: Prepare Well to Preach With Urgency. Discussion based on the August 15, 2014, *Watchtower*, pages 14-15, paragraphs 14-20. Ask audience what issues or questions are weighing on people’s minds in the local territory. How can we address these concerns in our ministry? Have two pioneers or a married couple demonstrate how to use this material to prepare presentations that will appeal to people in the territory. Participants may determine which publication they will feature.

Song 95 and Prayer

Theocratic Ministry School Review

The following questions will be considered at the Theocratic Ministry School during the week beginning October 27, 2014.

1. Why did the Israelites complain against God and Moses as recorded at Numbers 21:5, and what warning is there in this account for us? [Sept. 1, w99 8/15 pp. 26-27]
2. Why did Jehovah’s anger blaze against Balaam? (Num. 22:20-22) [Sept. 8, w04 8/1 p. 27 par. 2]
3. What does Numbers 25:11 tell us about the attitude of Phinehas, and how might we imitate him? [Sept. 8, w04 8/1 p. 27 par. 4]
4. In what ways did Moses set an excellent example of humility for us today? (Num. 27:5, 15-18) [Sept. 15, w13 2/1 p. 5]
5. How did Joshua and Caleb provide powerful evidence that imperfect people can

walk in God’s ways successfully despite opposition? (Num. 32:12) [Sept. 22, w93 11/15 p. 14 par. 13]

6. How might the obedience of Zelophehad’s daughters affect a single Christian’s view of marriage? (Num. 36:10-12) [Sept. 29, w08 2/15 pp. 4-5 par. 10]
7. What was the consequence to the Israelites for their complaining attitude and negative speech, and what lesson can we learn from this account? (Deut. 1:26-28, 34, 35) [Oct. 6, w13 8/15 p. 11 par. 7]
8. In order to have Jehovah’s blessing and prosper in the Promised Land, what two-fold responsibility did the Israelites have to fulfill? (Deut. 4:9) [Oct. 13, w06 6/1 p. 29 par. 15]
9. In what way did the Israelites’ clothing not wear out and their feet not become swollen during the wilderness trek? (Deut. 8:3, 4) [Oct. 20, w04 9/15 p. 26 par. 1]
10. How can we apply the exhortation given to the Israelites to “hold fast” to Jehovah? (Deut. 13:4, 6-9) [Oct. 27, w02 10/15 p. 16 par. 14]

How to Cultivate a Sense of Urgency About Preaching

A sense of urgency must be cultivated, and it is necessary to have it to survive the end of this system of things. By heeding the following reminders, we can strengthen our sense of urgency.

- Pray regularly about the Kingdom.—Matt. 6:10.
- Protect your heart by reading the Bible daily.—Heb. 3:12.
- Use your time wisely.—Eph. 5:15, 16; Phil. 1:10.
- Keep a “focused” eye. Do not become distracted by worldly desires.—Matt. 6:22, 25; 2 Tim. 4:10.
- Keep on the watch by remaining alert to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.—Mark 13:35-37.

Our having a sense of urgency will motivate us to share fully in the work that is yet to be finished!—John 4:34, 35.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 3

Song 79 and Prayer

□ Congregation Bible Study:

c/ chap. 15 ¶11-19 (30 min.)

□ Theocratic Ministry School:

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 14-18 (10 min.)

No. 1: Deuteronomy 15:16–16:8 (4 min. or less)

No. 2: Why We Recognize Sin for What It Is—rs
p. 373 ¶1–p. 374 ¶1 (5 min.)

**No. 3: Adoption—How Adoption Was Viewed
and Practiced, As Revealed in the Hebrew
Scriptures—it-1** p. 50 ¶3-6 (5 min.)

□ Service Meeting:

Song 103

10 min: Help Young Ones Prepare for the Ministry. Discussion. Play the video *Become Jehovah's Friend—Let's Go in Service*. (Go to jw.org, and look under BIBLE TEACHINGS > CHILDREN.) Ask young ones: How many of you have a service bag? What do you have in your bag? What was the first thing Sophia put in her bag? What else did she need? After her bag was packed, what important thing was she going to do with her mother? Have a young one demonstrate his or her magazine presentation.

10 min: How Some Preach the Word Urgently. Elder interviews two or three publishers who have taken practical steps to adjust their schedules in order to increase their share in the ministry or to pioneer. Conclude by reviewing the congregation's field service arrangements, and encourage all to take practical steps to have a full share in the ministry.

10 min: How Has Your Ministry Improved? Discussion by the service overseer. Entertain comments from audience on how the recent "Improving Our Skills in the Ministry" articles have helped them make improvement in various areas of the ministry. Conclude by encouraging all to continue to preach with urgency by applying the suggestions in these articles.

Song 100 and Prayer

Sample Presentations

To Start Bible Studies on the First Saturday in November

"Please note this interesting question. [Read the first question on the back of the November 1 *Watchtower*.] What do you think? [Read the two paragraphs under that question and at least one of the cited scriptures.] May I return so that we can discuss why Jesus performed these resurrections and what this means for us?"

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November 1

"Have you ever wondered why so many terrible things are happening in the world? [Allow for response.] The Bible explains why at Revelation 12:9. [Read.] However, verse 12 gives us reason for hope. [Read Revelation 12:12.] Satan's evil influence will soon be gone. This article entitled 'Should We Fear Satan?' discusses how we can protect ourselves from his influence *now* and what will happen to Satan in the near future. Here is your copy."

Awake!® November

"Everyone wants to be happy, but many today are not. What do you think leads to real happiness? [Allow for response.] I find the Bible to be helpful in building a happy life. For example, notice this Bible principle. [Read Hebrews 13:5.] This magazine highlights four Bible-based keys to real happiness."

Announcements

■ Literature offer for **October:** The *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. **November and December:** *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* or *Would You Like to Know the Truth?* **January:** *Good News From God!* or *Was Life Created?*

■ Since November has five full weekends, it would be an excellent month to auxiliary pioneer.

Field Service Highlights

We are pleased to report that on April 14, the attendance at the Memorial was 2,610,810 in the United States branch territory. This is more than twice the number of publishers that reported in April. May we be motivated by Christ's love to follow up on interest generated by this special event.—2 Cor. 5:14.

