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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by
 Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Paul's First Missionary Journey—
 Antioch in Pisidia. Acts xiii:13-52.
 Golden text—The word of the Lord
 was published throughout all the re-
 gion. Acts xiii:49.

Verse 13—At what points had Paul
 and Barnabas touched, according to
 the last lesson?

What important events were nar-
 rated in the last lesson?

Look up your map and say where are
 Paphos, Perga, and Antioch in Pisidia.

Verse 14—Should a Christian al-
 ways attend church on Sunday, if he
 has the opportunity, whether at home
 or abroad?

If a man does not act like a Christ-
 ian when away from home, is he a
 real Christian when at home, no mat-
 ter what his outward acts may be?

Verse 15.—Are not our present day
 churches too stiff and formal, com-
 pared with the services in this syna-
 gogue?

Should not our services be suffi-
 ciently elastic to call upon others be-
 side the pastor, to take part in them?

Verse 16.—Were there many devout
 Jews and others, in those days, who
 feared God and were accepted of him,
 who had not embraced Christianity?

Should preachers and teachers in
 addressing non-Christian audiences,
 assume that there may be some of
 the number who really "fear God,"
 notwithstanding that they may never
 have heard of Jesus? (This question
 must be answered in writing by mem-
 bers of the club.)

Verses 17-37—In addressing a hos-
 tile audience it is well for a speaker
 to commence with things which they
 believe in common, making them lead
 up to the main question; what matters
 did Paul refer to, in carrying out this
 wise rule?

What points in this address of
 Paul's would you say were the most
 striking?

Verses 38-39 -- In what sense can
 God forgive sins through Jesus, that
 he could not through the law of
 Moses?

Granted a future life of rewards and
 punishments, what question can com-
 pare in importance with the forgive-
 ness of sins?

Are men sane who neglect to have
 their sins forgiven, seeing they admit
 the grave dangers of delay?

Verses 40-41—What do unconverted
 sinners need to "beware of?"

Why do sinners not accept of the
 salvation offered to them by Jesus?

Verses 42-43—What is it a sign of,
 when men want to hear the gospel
 preached?

Is there always an affinity between
 spiritual people, notwithstanding dif-
 ferences of opinion?

Does it do us all good to be urged
 to be true to God?

Verses 44-45—Does the story of the
 cross still draw crowds as it did at
 Antioch?

When one preacher is jealous at the
 good another preacher is doing, what
 is that a sign of?

Is a truly good man ever jealous of
 the good others are doing?

Verses 46-49—Is God more partial to
 one nationality than he is to another?

Does God ordain all those to eternal
 life who will accept of Jesus?

Are gladness and joy always in the
 hearts of those who love and serve
 God?

Verses 50-52—When the bad perse-
 cute the good, which gets the real
 trouble?

Lesson for Sunday, May 16th, 1909.
 —Paul's First Missionary Journey—
 Iconium and Lystra. Acts xiv:1-28.

What Walnut Culture has done for Oregon

Some one has said that "he
 who has made two blades of grass
 grow where but one grew before
 is a public benefactor." But
 what shall we say of the man
 who, by intelligent, persistent ef-
 fort and working in the face of
 adverse criticism, has made land,
 worth but a few years ago five or
 ten dollars an acre, now worth
 five hundred to one thousand dol-
 lars per acre? We have a few
 such men among us. Men who
 refused to go in the rut so com-
 monly followed by the masses.
 Men who read, studied, thought
 and acted for themselves. Men
 who had the courage of their con-
 victions, who were not afraid to
 express them, nor to do things
 contrary to the expressed opinion
 of other men who, because of pio-
 neer settlement, were generally
 supposed to know what certain
 lands were good for and what
 may be raised on them.

It has been but a few years ago
 since the hill lands of Oregon,
 both east and west, were consid-
 ered valueless except for what little
 pasture they afforded; then came
 the settler who saw no reason
 why these lands should not raise
 something else besides a scant
 pasture, and in spite of the num-
 erous warnings of failure from
 his friends, cleared, plowed,
 planted and harvested good crops
 of grain, grasses, etc., and soon
 also risked the planting of fruit
 trees on these same supposedly
 worthless hill lands, which in due
 time proved their superiority to
 some of the bottom lands in the
 production of choice fruits of all
 kinds, thereby making them a-
 mong our most valuable lands.

A little later, one or two men
 planted walnut trees—just a few
 as an experiment. These did so
 well that a few, more venture-
 some than others, planted acre
 after acre of hill land to properly
 grafted English Walnut trees,
 and these, in bearing but a few
 years, have demonstrated the fact
 that such land, properly planted,
 cultivated, and trees cared for,
 will produce a good annual per-
 cent profit on a round one thou-
 sand dollars per acre, and this
 when the trees have not reached
 the period of full bearing.

Walnut culture in Oregon is no
 longer an experiment, it is a well-
 proven fact. Instead of requir-
 ing one hundred sixty acres to a
 section of land for the mainte-
 nance of a family, five to ten acres
 will, with economy, not only sup-
 port the family, but permit of
 laying by a little nest egg for a
 rainy day as well. Oregon-grown
 nuts, the same as Oregon-grown
 apples, have already earned an
 international reputation, and yet
 walnut culture in Oregon is only

in its infancy. In the year 1908
 over three thousand acres were
 planted to walnuts in Yamhill
 county. The year 1909 will see a
 still greater increase. On every
 hand can be seen the work of the
 woodsman, who, aided, by plenty
 of outside capital, is clearing
 lands heretofore unused, and as
 rapidly as possible getting them
 into condition for the planting of
 the young walnut trees.

The rapid growth of the walnut
 industry has caused some very in-
 telligent men to inquire if the
 large plantings already made and
 to be made will not cause an over-
 production. This same question
 has been asked a good many times
 concerning the production of
 wheat, and yet we are now con-
 fronted with higher prices than
 ever, and we are facing the fact
 that the United States will soon
 have no wheat for export. We
 are using it nearly all at home.
 The conditions are almost the
 same in regard to the production
 of meat and other food supplies.
 Population and consumption are

growing faster than production.
 The consumption of walnuts is on
 the increase. For many years
 the production in the United
 States has been only one-third
 the consumption. Statistics show
 that the consumption of walnuts
 during the year 1908 was thirty
 per cent. greater than in 1907,
 and that 1907 saw a decided in-
 crease over that of 1906, and so
 on; and yet the demand for nuts
 is greater today than it has been
 for years, and the price for same
 is equally encouraging. The rea-
 son for this is doubtless the fact
 that thousands of people are eat-
 ing more nuts and less bread and
 meat. While containing about
 the same amount of protein and
 strength-giving qualities as meat,
 less bodily discomfort and disease,
 such as indigestion, constipation,
 gout, rheumatism, boils and kind-
 red ailments arise from their
 use. It is therefore generally
 conceded by those who have given
 the matter any thought, that
 the walnut industry has come to
 stay, that nuts will in time dis-

place the use of meat on the
 tables of the more intelligent, and
 that thousands of Oregon's broad
 acres now producing but little
 more than weeds and taxes will
 soon be in the hands of a thriftier
 people, and will be made to yield
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