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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

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

May 16, 1909.

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 Paul's First Missionary Journey.—
 Iconium and Lystra. Acts xiv:1-28.

Golden Text—All the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens. Psalm 96:5.

Verses 1-2—Point out on the map in your Bible where Iconium is situated.

Can two missionaries working together do more good than they could working separately?

Has the story of Jesus lost or gained, in its charm upon the multitude, since that day?

Was the unbelief of these Jews a matter of the intellect, through lack of evidence or was it a matter of the heart; that is, a result of their rebellion against God?

Verses 3-7—How do you account for the fact, that the same evidence, and spiritual demonstration, which made one part of the multitude turn to God with gladness of heart, made the other part angry in heart, and murderous in their actions? (This question is to be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Would you judge from this story, that all the good people were on the side of the apostles, and all the bad and dishonest people on the other side?

Will a wise and brave man sometimes run away from such danger as threatened the apostles, or will he always stay and face it?

The apostles fled to Lystra and Derby; where are these places situated?

Verse 8—Is there ever any blame to be attached to those who are born with either physical or moral defects?

Are parents ever to be blamed for either physical or moral defects in their children?

Are pre-natal influences as powerful in shaping a child's destiny as post-natal?

In our present national condition, should the state provide for and maintain all those who are born in an impotent condition?

Verses 9-10—Is faith, like this man had, possible for all, or is it a gift of God, the same as the resultant grace and healing?

Was this a miracle, and whether or not, does God intend to run this world by law or by miracle?

Verses 11-13—What was the idea that these people had of the Deity?

How would it be likely that Barnabas resembled Jupiter, and Paul Mercury to these people?

Is it a trait in human nature to believe in some popular superstition, rather than in the plain truth of God?

Verses 14-15—If a man of God is regarded in some superstitious way, is it his duty to administer a rebuke?

Have the best of men got the same natural passions as the worst of men?

What comfort is there to us in the fact, that God made "the heavens and the earth?"

Verses 16-18—Does God pay the same attention to the crops of the sinner, as he does to the crops of a saint?

Verses 19-20—Was it the same people that stoned Paul, who before this wanted to do sacrifice to him?

Can there be any reliance placed upon the applause of the multitude?

Verses 21-28—What kind of a man is he who, laid out for dead through stoning, starts on his way the next day preaching his story of mercy and

Lesson for Sunday, May 23rd, 1909.
 —The Council at Jerusalem. Acts xv: 1-35.

Portland Letter.

Portland, Oregon, May 10th, 1909.

"Leslie's Weekly" publishes in its latest number a picture showing the contents of the storeroom on the Steamer "Hamburg," with supplies used for the Farewell Banquet tendered Roosevelt on his recent trip across the Atlantic. Foremost among the good things displayed are numerous boxes of Hood River apples, and fortunately for Hood River and Oregon the boxes are so placed that the labels are easily read in the picture.

Bascom B. Clarke, Editor of the "American Threshermen," the leading paper of its kind in the United States; Lee Hardin, of Indianapolis, Indiana, representing one of the largest of American manufacturers; and Morris O. Eldredge, of the United States Department of Agriculture, unite in the statement that the Oregon Threshermen held the most successful convention of its kind ever gathered together in this country and that the entertainment at Portland was superior to that ever given in any other city. These gentlemen were invited out to show Oregon how—they themselves were shown. All agree in giving chief credit for this success to Secretary Philip S. Bates of the Oregon Threshermen.

The Oregon Retail Merchants Association will entertain the National Retail Grocers' Association who are to be in convention in Portland June 2 to 5, and the Oregon merchants will circulate in advance, a beautiful souvenir programme which will be one of the best advertisements of this state ever printed. "Going into the hands of thousands of retail grocers all over the country, many of these programmes will find their way into the hands of people who want to come to the Pacific Northwest.

Klamath Falls is to have a real railroad, and "Railroad Day" will be celebrated Monday, June 7th. Prominent men from many sections will be present. There are lots of other communities in Oregon that would be delighted to hold similar celebrations. In this connection, the Lakeview Board of Trade is working with Klamath Falls toward the construction of roads which will give Lakeview its share of benefit from the new railroad.

Every commercial body in Oregon that failed to have a representative present at the Oregon Development League's Conference in Eugene last week missed the most instructive meeting ever

held in this state. It goes without saying that the people of Eugene gave their visiting friends a most hospitable and enthusiastic reception.

The Sherman County Development League are planning a basket dinner, with a full afternoon programme of progressive speeches, of which much will be a delightful part, for Tuesday, May 11.

N. E. A. Convention

May 4, 1909.

To Teachers of Oregon:

The Executive Committee of the National Educational Association announces the selection of Denver, Colorado, as the place of meeting for the forty-seventh annual convention, July 5 to 9, 1909.

The railway lines have made reduced round trip fares which will be in effect from all points on the O. R. & N. and S. P., lines in Oregon, on July 1. These tickets will carry a going limit of ten days from date of sale, with final

return limit of October 31, and include stopover privileges in both directions within those limits. The fare from Denver to all points on the O. R. & N. going and returning direct lines, not through California, will be \$55.00; and going direct, returning through California to Portland, only \$70.

The fares from principal points on the S. P., both ways via Portland, will be as follows:

Ashland	\$65.30
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McMinnville	56.30

Going one way via Portland and the other via California, fare from any point on the S. P. lines in Oregon, will be \$70.00.

This low rate should, and doubtlessly will, insure a very large attendance of teachers at the Denver meeting. All the lines of

Colorado and surrounding states have agreed to grant a rate of one fare for the round trip following the convention, to all points in Colorado.

If you are interested in the matter, I shall be pleased, on application, to mail you further information as to hotel rates, place of meeting, etc.

Trusting that you may be able to attend, I am,

Respectfully yours,
 J. H. ACKERMAN,
 State Director N. E. A. for Oregon.

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