

Day 4, Lesson 2: God's Kingdom, Our Mother

Objective

Small, holy group of believing people; The workplace of the Holy Spirit is in the congregation where it continues the work of Christ

Learning Outcome

Describe what our Mother congregation is and where it can be found.

Confirmation Exercise Questions

- #13. What are some of the names given in the Bible for the congregation or kingdom of God? Mother, Mount Zion, the pillar and ground of truth, the True Vine, the sheepfold, Jerusalem, the golden candlestick, the Bride of Christ.
- #20. What is meant by the office of the keys? The authority that Jesus gave to His own to forgive sins.
- #21. Where and with what words did Jesus authorize His own to forgive sins?
- In John 20:22, 23, where He said "Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained."

Reference Material

Booklet Song:

Jerusalem, God's Zion, came down from heav'n above. / She's our beloved mother, whom we, her children, love. / It's here that God is dwelling, in Spirit here is found; / Of truth it is the pillar and is its very ground. (SHZ 188 v.1)

Booklet Text:

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

Additional Reference Material

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32; 1 Tim 3:15; Eph. 5:31,32; 1 Thess. 1:6 Matt. 7:21-23; Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-13; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; Acts 2:2-4; Acts 19:13-16; Rom. 5:5; 1 Cor. 4:20; 6:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:4,5; 1 Thess. 1:5; 4:7, 8; 2 Tim. 1:14; Rom. 8; John 20:22,23; Acts 2:38; Matt. 7:21-23; Acts 19:13-16

CURRICULUM

- Lesson 2.8

ADDITIONAL LESSON POINTS

- God has a congregation here on earth; it is made up of believers who are joined by the bonds of the Holy Spirit.
- The work of the Holy Spirit is explained in the Bible, the third article of the Creed, and Luther's explanation of the third article of the Creed.

RESOURCES

- [By Faith 21:](#)
- [Christian Doctrine 44-49:](#)
- [The Holy Spirit and Its Work, V. Juntunen, The Sheepfold Tender, pages 102-111.](#)