

## PLEASE GIVE TO SCHOOL OVERSEER

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW ANSWER SHEET COVERING ASSIGNMENTS FOR WEEKS OF MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2013.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *The Watchtower* [w], “*Bearing Thorough Witness*” About God’s Kingdom [bt], and *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 1 [it-1].

INSTRUCTIONS: Each one should have the questions for the review as set out in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The school overseer may ask auxiliary questions, as time permits, in order to clarify main points, to highlight the reasons for the answers, or to elicit comments on how the material can be applied. It is not always practical for the answer sheet to contain all possible answers; so any answer that the audience gives that is appropriate and in harmony with our present understanding is acceptable, even if the point is not found on the answer sheet. Until the congregation has taken this review, the answer sheet is not to be made available to the congregation to read, but it should be used by the school overseer during the preceding weeks as a guide to points that he wants to emphasize for the congregation. It is not necessary for the school overseer to read all the answers from the answer sheet if the points have already been covered. The review should not exceed 20 minutes.

NOTE TO SCHOOL OVERSEERS: Please select an approved *Watchtower* Study reader to read from the platform some of the scriptures cited in or after each question that appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Cited texts should usually be read before you ask the printed question. In view of the limited time allotted for the review, you may use your discretion in determining whether certain Scripture citations should be read or be summarized briefly.

The date in brackets represents the week that the material was to be covered.

1. What did Jesus mean by his statement recorded at John 3:14, 15: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up”? [May 6, it-1 p. 505] ***Like the copper serpent that Moses placed on a pole in the wilderness, the Son of God was impaled or fastened on a stake, thus appearing to many as an evildoer and a sinner, much like a snake, being in the position of one cursed. In the wilderness a person who had been bitten by one of the poisonous serpents that Jehovah sent among the Israelites evidently had to gaze at the copper serpent in faith. Similarly, to gain everlasting life through Christ, it is necessary to exercise faith in him.***
2. When do Christ’s followers receive life in themselves, or enter into the fullness of life? (John 6:53) [May 13, w03 9/15 p. 31 par. 3] ***For anointed Christians, this happens at their resurrection to heavenly life as immortal spirit creatures. (1 Cor. 15:52, 53) Jesus’ “other sheep” experience entry into the fullness of life after the end of his Thousand Year Reign. By then, they will have been tested, found faithful, and declared righteous for everlasting life in the Paradise earth. (John 10:16; Rev. 20:5, 7-10)***
3. Illustrate how Jesus revealed his Father to imperfect humans. (John 8:28) [May 20, w11 4/1 p. 7 par. 3] ***When on earth, Jesus took what he had learned in the heavens about his Father and transmitted it in ways that lowly humans on earth could readily grasp and easily apply. What Jesus did in revealing his Father might be illustrated by what an electric transformer does. Such a device can take in electricity of high voltage and change it into lower voltage, thus making it suitable for use by the average consumer.***
4. What do we learn from Jesus’ ‘giving way to tears’ upon the death of his friend Lazarus? (John 11:35) [May 20, w08 5/1 p. 24 pars. 3-5] ***When Jesus saw Mary and those with her weeping, he “groaned” and “became troubled.” Clearly, Jesus’ heart was touched by the pain of others. When we read that “Jesus gave way to tears,” we can be sure that Jehovah also personally feels the pain of his worshippers. (John 11:33; 14:9)***
5. What powerful lesson did Jesus teach by washing the feet of his disciples? (John 13:4, 5) [May 27, w99 3/1 p. 31 par. 1] ***Jesus provided a powerful lesson in humility. No one among Jehovah’s people should think that he is so important that others should always serve him, nor should he***

*aspire to positions of honor and prestige. Followers of Jesus should be willing to perform the humblest of services for one another.*

6. How can God's spirit serve as a sure guide for us? (John 14:26) [*May 27, w11 12/15 pp. 14-15 par. 9*] *As we regularly and prayerfully study God's Word, including all the sayings of Christ, holy spirit will increase our comprehension of Jehovah's deep wisdom, so that we can follow his will closely. (1 Cor. 2:10) It will bring to mind Bible principles that we have already learned and help us to grasp how they apply in directing our next step.*
7. At John 21:15, to what does "these" refer, and what lesson can we learn? [*June 3, w08 4/15 p. 32 par. 11*] *Peter was asked if he loved Jesus more than "these," that is, the fish that were before them. Jesus thus stressed the need for Peter to choose to follow him full-time instead of pursuing a fishing career. This account should strengthen our resolve to love Jesus more than any other things that might attract us.*
8. According to Acts 2:44-47 and Acts 4:34, 35, what spirit do Christians do well to imitate? [*June 10, w08 5/15 p. 30 par. 5*] *At Pentecost 33 C.E., many who became believers had come from faraway places and were without enough provisions to extend*

*their stay in Jerusalem. To help such ones, some Christians sold their property, and the funds were distributed to the needy. All true Christians should strive to imitate that loving, self-sacrificing spirit.*

9. Was Stephen praying to Jesus in the account found at Acts 7:59? [*June 17, w08 5/15 p. 31 par. 2*] *No, he was not. Under normal circumstances, Stephen would have appealed to Jehovah in the name of Jesus. (John 15:16) In this instance, though, Stephen had a vision of "the Son of man standing at God's right hand." (Acts 7:56) Fully aware that Jesus had been given the power to resurrect the dead, Stephen spoke directly to Jesus, asking Him to safeguard his spirit. (John 5:27-29)*
10. How can we imitate the good example of Barnabas, and what benefits will we enjoy from doing so? (Acts 9:26, 27) [*June 24, bt p. 65 par. 19*] *Barnabas took the initiative to assist Saul, which no doubt helped to foster the warm friendship that developed between those zealous servants of Jehovah. We, like Barnabas, can willingly assist new ones in the congregation by working with them in the field service and by helping them to progress spiritually. As we do so, our joy will increase, and we will form bonds of friendship that can last a lifetime.*