

## **URFIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHING MATERIAL 2026**

### **1st QUARTER 2026 –THE LORD HAS NEED OF YOU**

#### **LESSON 1(JANUARY)– AVAILABILITY DEFINED**

**Key Scriptures:** Luke 19:31, Acts 9:10-17, Luke 22:41-42 , Isaiah 6:8, 1 Samuel 3:9-10, Titus 3:1.

**Memory Verse: Luke 19:31(KJV) : And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.**

#### **Introduction**

Before delving into what it means for the Lord to have need of us, it is important to establish a foundational truth: God is entirely self-sufficient. Scripture affirms this clearly in Acts 17:25, which states that God “is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.” God lacks nothing. He is complete in and of Himself.

Yet, in His divine wisdom and sovereignty, God has chosen to accomplish certain purposes through human vessels. This reality should lead us to approach this topic from a posture of deep humility—recognizing that an all-sufficient God graciously chooses to involve us in the fulfillment of His plans on the earth.

As our Senior Pastor introduced the theme on 31st Night, he framed the discussion around three critical questions:

1. Where are we on God’s timeline?
2. How should we conduct ourselves in this present time?
3. With respect to God’s work, what does He require from us now?

A careful examination of these questions helps sharpen our spiritual focus and draws our attention to what is required in this season, so that we do not walk in spiritual darkness or ignorance. Much like the men of Issachar—who were commended for understanding the times and knowing what Israel ought to do (1 Chronicles 12:22)—we too are called to discern the season we are in and respond appropriately.

Romans 13:11–12 (AMP) underscores the urgency of our times: “*Do this, knowing that this is a critical time. It is already the hour for you to awaken from your sleep [of spiritual complacency]; for our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night [this present evil age] is almost gone and the day [of Christ’s return] is almost here.*” Scripture makes it clear that

we are living in a critical hour. Such a time demands a certain manner of conduct—one marked by readiness, alertness, and usefulness to the Lord.

In this pivotal season, the Lord is seeking men and women who will rise to the occasion and boldly do the will of the Father. Jesus Himself reminds us in Matthew 9:37–38 that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. The work is abundant, the time is short, and the need for willing laborers has never been greater. This calls for intentional participation, not passive observation.

When we consider these scriptures together, one truth becomes unmistakably clear: the Church must be keenly aware that there is a vast work to be accomplished within a limited window of time. The pressing need of this hour is availability—defined not by our own standards, but by God's. Therefore, as we begin this new year, it is both timely and necessary to pause and gain a deeper understanding of what this theme truly means, specifically as it relates to God's definition of availability and our response to His call in this critical season.

**The Human Need this Lesson meets:** Help students understand what availability means by God's definition

**Learning Goals:**

Explain what it means to:

- Be reliably accessible for God's service
- Be present in a timely manner and be ready upon God's request
- Be willing to serve God, making your agenda secondary to God's agenda

**Working Definition: Please remind the students to define in the context of this study.**

**Need:** something required or essential to accomplish a task or meet a purpose.

**Available:** able to be used or obtained at one's disposal

**Reliable:** able to be trusted, consistently good in quality or performance.

**Accessible:** Able to be reached, or used when needed

**Timely manner:** being prompt, efficient, without unnecessary delay

**Week one : Availability Defined – Being reliably accessible for God's service**

During the crossover service, the Senior Pastor presented three distinct definitions of availability. The goal is that, each week, we will explore these definitions in greater depth through Scripture to understand their biblical meaning and application.

- a. From Isaiah 6:8 how can we define availability?

Isaiah 6: 8 ( NIV ) : <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**”

**Answer:**

- b. From 1 Samuel 3:4–10 (NIV), how else can we define availability?

1 Samuel 3 : 9-10 : <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “**Speak, for your servant is listening.**”

**Answer :**

- c. How else can we define availability according to Acts 8:29-10

Acts 8:29-30 : <sup>29</sup> **The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”**

<sup>30</sup> **Then Philip ran up to the chariot** and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

**Answer:**

## **Week two: Availability Defined - To be present in a timely manner and be ready upon God's request**

Last week, through the help of scriptures, we learnt that availability as defined by God means to be reliably accessible for God's service. This week we hope to further understand another way God defines availability.

### **a. From the following scriptures, how can we define availability?**

Mark 1: 17- 18 : <sup>17</sup>“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>**At once they left their nets and followed him.**

Mark 1: 19-20 : <sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>**Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.**

### **Answer:**

### **B. How else can availability be defined according to the following scriptures ?**

**Luke 12 : 35-36 -** <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him

**Titus 3:1** - Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, **to be ready to do whatever is good.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4: 2** - Preach the word; **be prepared in season and out of season;** correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction

### **Answer:**

## **Week Three -Availability Defined - willing to serve God, making your agenda secondary to God's agenda**

Over the past 2 weeks , our goal has been to use the scriptures to explain availability. So far, we have learnt that availability means to be reliably accessible to God and to be present in a timely manner ready to do God's will. This week we will spend time again in scripture to further gain an understanding of what availability means.

- a. From the following scripture, how can we define availability ?

Luke 22: 41- 42 - **<sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."**

Acts 16: 6-10 : Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. **<sup>7</sup>When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.** **<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."** **<sup>10</sup>After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.**

### **Answer:**

- b. To draw the curtain on understanding what it means availability means let's consider the following Scripture.

Acts 9: 10-17 : In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The **Lord called to him** in a vision, "Ananias!"

**"Yes, Lord," he answered.**

**<sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."**

**<sup>13</sup> "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."**

**<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."** **<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands**

on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Answer:**