

# Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) *disc two*

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## Vocabulary:

childhood mortality rates  
corporate ministry

tabernacle  
illustrations

lay in state

## Questions:

1. In what century was Spurgeon born? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were most English sermons like at this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. By what nickname was Spurgeon known? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Spurgeon become known as throughout the English-speaking world, even though he didn't travel widely?  
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5. How did the size of Spurgeon's family affect his upbringing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What was the occupation of both his grandfather and his father? What thus became a part of his upbringing?  
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7. Whose sermons did he use to help him learn to read? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did Spurgeon say to old Roads at the tavern? What happened to Roads? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Why was Spurgeon frustrated even though he grew up with the Bible and religion? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What text did God use to draw Spurgeon to accept Christ as his Savior? How old was Spurgeon when he was saved? At what age did he start to pastor? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What caused Spurgeon to miss out on a college education? How was Spurgeon educated? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What did Spurgeon use in his sermons that seemed to make his preaching effective and that helped him relate his materials to people? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What had happened to the attendance at Park St. Church before Spurgeon came there? On what basis was Spurgeon hired? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What was the new church called (whose facade still stands) that was built to accommodate the growing crowds? How many people attended services? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who made up 90% of the attendees? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. From what painful malady did Spurgeon suffer? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What happened to Susannah Spurgeon? What ministry did she undertake? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. What were Spurgeon's sermons, which were bound annually, called? How widely disseminated were his sermons?  
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19. What school was founded to train preachers? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What monthly publication did Spurgeon produce? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What did Spurgeon stand against because it denied the truth? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What lay on top of his casket when he was carried to the cemetery? What was his life text? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Quiz:

Supply the correct answer in the space provided.

1. What was Spurgeon's nickname as a preacher? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. In what century did Spurgeon live and serve? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. In what English city did Spurgeon carry out his primary ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. What did Spurgeon use in sermons that made his preaching particularly memorable? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. What was the name of the church building or edifice that was built to house the large crowds who came to hear Spurgeon? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. What particular ministry did his wife develop to help Spurgeon? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  7. What were the annual volumes that contained Spurgeon's sermons for the year called? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  8. What was *The Sword and the Trowel*? \_\_\_\_\_
  9. What Scripture text motivated Spurgeon's preaching and his life? \_\_\_\_\_
- Bonus:** About how many people went to see Spurgeon as he lay in state? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

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| 1. 19th   | 8. "What doest thou here, Elijah?"; he repented and sought restoration | 15. men; press of people made getting through crowds difficult                      |
| 2. philosophical treatises that didn't meet he needs of people              | 9. he hadn't been saved  | 16. gout  |
| 3. "The Prince of Preachers"  | 10. Isaiah 45:22; "Look unto me."; saved at 15 1/2; pastored at 17     | 17. she was bedridden after the birth of her twin sons; she sent books to preachers |
| 4. greatest Baptist preacher of the 19th century                            | 11. he was in the wrong room; self-educated                            | 18. <i>The Metropolitan Pulpit</i> ; they went all over the world                   |
| 5. since his family was so large, he was sent to live with his grandparents | 12. illustrations  | 19. Pastors College   |
| 6. preachers; he was very aware of preaching and wanted to preach           | 13. had dwindled; on 3-month trial basis                               | 20. <i>The Sword and the Trowel</i>   |
| 7. sermons of Puritan preachers   | 14. Metropolitan Tabernacle; 5,000                                     | 21. Baptist Union   |
|   |  | 22. an open Bible; Isaiah 45:22   |

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| 1. "The Prince of Preachers"  | 7. <i>The Metropolitan Pulpit</i> |
| 2. 19th   | 8. a monthly magazine for pastors |
| 3. London   | 9. Isaiah 45:22                   |
| 4. illustrations  | <b>Bonus:</b> 60,000              |
| 5. The Metropolitan Tabernacle                                      |                                   |
| 6. she sent out his sermons and books to pastors all over the world |                                   |

1837 Electric telegraph demonstrated by Samuel F. B. Morse

1804-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition

1869 Transcontinental Railroad

A.D. 1800

1834 Birth of C. H. Spurgeon

1892 Death of C. H. Spurgeon

1815 Napoleon defeated at Waterloo

A.D. 1900

1834 Mechanical reaper patented by McCormick

1861-1865 American Civil War

Activities:

DVD can be used with *WORLD HISTORY for Christian Schools*, pp. 461-63; *BRITISH LITERATURE for Christian Schools*.

- Encourage students to learn hymns from this time period. Two of Spurgeon's contemporaries were Cecil Francis Alexander ("All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "Once in Royal David's City") and Francis Ridley Havergal ("Take My Life and Let It Be," "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak," and "Like a River Glorious").
- Obtain a copy of Surgeon's *Morning and Evening* and read several devotionals to your students or have them read and make a journal of ten days of Surgeon devotionals.
- Have students plot events from British history and Spurgeon's life on parallel time lines; do the same for events from American history.
- What American evangelists or famous preachers were contemporaries and ministered at the same time as Spurgeon? Have your students compare the lives and ministries of Spurgeon and Dwight L. Moody.
- Have students read and write a synopsis of a Spurgeon sermon.
- Discuss the idea of the corporate ministry of the Spurgeons. What role did Susannah Spurgeon play in his ministry? What role(s) do pastors' wives play today?
- Discuss the ministry of Mrs. Spurgeon in view of her personal handicaps.

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