

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons
2 Peter 3:1-18

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What are some activities that churches can do today to encourage and help believers remember Bible truths?

Preach from the Bible. Sing songs that teach Bible truths or Bible verses. Encourage people of all ages to attend Sunday school and midweek Bible studies. Encourage believers to read through the Bible in a year or less time, perhaps as a group of readers.

2. What are some sources of divine truth?

The Old Testament. The teachings of Jesus and His life. The words and writings of the apostles in the New Testament. The world that God created and our human nature as created by God in His image, remembering that the world and our human nature is no longer exactly as God created it because of sin and God's judgments and work in history.

3. In what way does Peter say some will scoff at Christian truths?

See 2 Peter 3:4.

4. How would you compare or contrast Genesis 1, John 1, and 2 Peter 3:5?

In Genesis 1, God speaks and creates. In John 1, the Word was God and the Word was with God and the Word created all that exists. In 2 Peter, by the word of God the heavens exist and the earth was formed.

5. What will God do with the godless someday?

See 2 Peter 3:7.

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