

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Job 42:1-17

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **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 the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Read Job 42:2. Do you agree? Explain.

Yes. God is all-powerful and can do whatever He chooses.

2. Read Psalm 100. What more do you learn about God from this Psalm?

We should worship the LORD with gladness at all times. God made us and we are His people. He cares for us like sheep, His sheep. We should give thanks to God and praise His name because He is good. Whatever happens to us, good or bad, God is good; God loves us with a steadfast love; God will be faithful to us forever.

3. Why is the Bible important to you?

The Bible is God’s infallible written word to us, and the Holy Spirit will help us understand the Bible today. Your students may give many good answers.

4. Job did not sin against God by asking questions of God. List some of the ways that God answers questions today.

Through our reasoning and thinking abilities that are gifts from God.

Through our powers of observation and previous experiences.

Through the Bible.

Through teachers who teach others more about the Bible.

Through the Holy Spirit who helps us understand the Bible and apply truths from the Bible in our daily lives.

Through God arranging some events in our lives called providential events.

Through various types of testing of us and others (such as Job).

Through prayers to Jesus, who answers our prayers in a variety of ways.

Add other ideas from your class discussion.

5. How did Job express his humility before God?

After God spoke to Job and answered his questions (including what Job learned about Satan testing Job and God believing that Job served him for the right reasons), Job admitted that he spoke about things he did not understand and there are/were many things beyond his ability to understand. He told God that he despised himself for questioning God's judgment and actions and he confessed how little he knew when he repented.

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