

## ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** ***International Bible Lessons***

### **Hebrews 3:1-6 & Matthew 7:24-29**

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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 Discussion and 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. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

#### **1. When are some of the times we especially need to fix our eyes on Jesus?**

In worship. In prayer. When tempted. When doing Bible study. When we awaken to begin a new day. When talking about our spiritual life. When telling others about Jesus. When we lie down to sleep.

#### **2. What does it mean to you when you think about Moses having disobeyed and dishonored God in the wilderness, but still being considered faithful in all God’s house?**

His experience shows that God can forgive us for our sins and we can return to our intention to serve God faithfully and be considered faithful in all God’s house. God also saved Moses, and by grace through faith in Jesus Christ God will save us.

#### **3. What are some traits that distinguished Moses from Jesus? What trait did the writer of Hebrews say they shared?**

Moses was a servant in God’s house. Jesus was the Son over God’s house both were faithful.

#### **4. What is the difference between practicing Jesus’ words and not practicing Jesus’ words? What difference, if any, does it make?**

Practicing Jesus' words is obeying Jesus consistently, with sin being an exception to the way we normally live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Not practicing Jesus' words is only obeying Jesus when it seems convenient to us, with outward obedience being an exception to the way we normally live even though we say we believe in Jesus.

Our lives will stand with Jesus in all the storms of life, or we will suffer a great loss when the storms of life beat upon us.

## **5. Why can't Christians teach exactly like Jesus taught today?**

Christians are not God. Jesus is the Word of God and the Son of God. When Christians believe in and teach the Bible, they point people to Jesus who is our Authority, Lord, and Savior. Christians pray for the Holy Spirit to help them teach the truth of God's Word and depend totally on Jesus to use their teaching to achieve His will.

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