

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

Psalms 104:1-4 & 24-30

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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. Why do believers need to praise God as the Creator of all things and people?

The writers of the Bible praise God as the Creator of all who rules over all. Genesis reveals the fact of creation and the Gospel of John reveals the fact that Jesus, the Word of

God, created all things because He was God and was with God. These facts inspire praise in believers. We need to praise God as the Creator to remind ourselves and others of how much we depend on God, who is worthy to be praised. God's marvelous creation points to how marvelous God is as our Creator, and we praise God for giving us the ability to experience and appreciate our Creator and creation.

2. Name one or more acts of Jesus during His public ministry on earth that show He is powerful over creation.

Jesus quieted a storm and walked on water. He saved His disciples from a stormy sea. He told them where to catch fish, without needing to be in the boat himself. He healed all diseases and raised the dead. He knew what was in the heart and mind of others. He did things that only the Creator of the world could do.

3. Describe some ways that God brought order into His creation instead of disorder.

God prepared places for the dry land, rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans. He set boundaries for land and sea. He created plants, and He created some plants as food for animals and people. God created wild animals and animals that could be domesticated to work for people and be their friends.

4. Name one or two of God's creations that demonstrate God's wisdom.

The human body and brain with their complexity. The way the human soul and spirit live in a human body for there to be active and intelligent life.

5. Give an example of where the psalmist implies that God enjoyed creating and enjoys His creation.

In Psalm 104:26, the psalmist wrote that God created the Leviathan "to sport" in the sea.

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