

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

**Ezekiel 36:22-32**

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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. For whose sake and why did the LORD say He would restore the house of Israel to their land?**

For the sake of the Lord’s name (honor), because He wanted the nations that had dishonored Him to know that He was God Almighty, the Sovereign LORD over all.

**2. Do you think the house of Israel deserved to have their land restored to them? Give a reason for your answer.**

No. They had disobeyed the LORD with their immoralities and idolatries despite repeated prophetic calls to repent and all the blessings God had bestowed upon them.

**3. What are some of the other blessings God promised the house of Israel in this lesson?**

He would remove all their uncleannesses. He would remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. He would give them His Spirit within them.

**4. Do you think God has fulfilled some of His promises through Ezekiel? If you do, when and how?**

Yes. Through the coming of Jesus the Messiah, who shed His blood for the forgiveness of sins and who gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Him.

**5. Do you think it is helpful or harmful for Christians to be ashamed of their sins? Give a reason for your answer.**

Being ashamed of our sins can be helpful if Christians are reminded not to become repeat offenders and as a result become even more ashamed. Being ashamed can motivate believers to call out to Jesus for help when they are tempted to repeat their sins or feel ashamed of them.

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