

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Luke 6:12-31

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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 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.

Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What three reasons does Luke list for why so many people came to Jesus?

They came to hear Him. They came to be healed of their diseases. They came to be cured from troubles with unclean spirits. See Luke 6:18.

2. Of the three reasons above, which one is the most important? Why?

Hearing Him is most important if we listen and learn from Him, because knowing and doing the truth will last a lifetime and throughout eternity. Physical healing and being cured of trouble from unclean spirits is usually temporary, and Jesus’ teachings can help us in times of sickness and trouble and give us hope that will not disappoint us.

3. Why should a disciple of Jesus who is poor be happy in spite of their poverty?

As disciples of Jesus, Jesus is always with us and helping us, even if we are poor. He gives His disciples the gift of eternal life and promises them a wonderful future in the Kingdom of God, even if we are poor.

4. According to Luke 6:22, what are the four unpleasant situations that Jesus’ disciples may experience if they follow Him?

Some will hate you. Some will exclude you. Some will revile you. Some will defame you.

5. What might be the reason when everyone speaks well of you? If your goal is not everyone speaking well of you what is your goal?

They might speak well of you because you are trying to please them and saying what they want to hear instead of trying to please God and telling them the truth they need to hear. A better goal is to love and serve God to bring joy to God by what we do and say, especially when we serve others with love in Jesus’ name.

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