

Study Hints for Thinking Further

International Bible Lessons

Isaiah 53:1-8; Luke 24:25-31, 44-53

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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. How have sinners like sheep gone astray? How was Jesus like a sheep?

[Isaiah 53:1-8]

Sinners have gone their own way, like sheep prone to wander. Jesus followed the will of God; like a sheep was led to the slaughter He went willingly as the sacrificial lamb for the salvation of sinners.

2. Why did Jesus suffer and die? [Isaiah 53:1-8]

He suffered and died for our sins and iniquities.

3. What reason did Jesus give to the two He talked to for their not believing in His resurrection? Do you think this reason might apply to some people today?

Jesus said they were foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets declared. Even today it is foolish not to believe the Bible and all of the testimony the Bible gives about Jesus. The word “heart” can mean “will” in some contexts in the Bible. They were “slow of will” or not easily convinced or stubborn not to believe with all of the evidence they had heard up to that point in time.

4. In addition to the eyewitness accounts they had heard about Jesus having risen from the dead, what other important evidence did Jesus give these two people in His efforts to convince them that He was alive?

Jesus explained the testimony of the Scriptures, and then Jesus appeared to them personally when He broke bread before them.

5. What did Jesus do to help His disciples understand the Scriptures? What do we need to better understand the Scriptures today?

Jesus opened their minds or improved their ability to understand the Scriptures. Today, the Holy Spirit helps us better understand and apply the Scriptures.

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