

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

**Luke 10:25-37**

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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.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. How would you answer the question: “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

I would point people to Jesus and what the Bible teaches. I would explain why Jesus came, because God loves and sent His Son to save us from sin and Satan. I would explain why Jesus taught and why He needed to die to save us from the punishment we deserve for our sins. I would explain the meaning of His resurrection as a guarantee that those who believe in Him can inherit life everlasting and be raised from the dead. I would explain why repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will give believers eternal life and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, who will lead Jesus’ followers to love and serve God and others as the Father intended when He created us, as we learn from the Bible. I would keep teaching about Jesus and the Bible as more questions were asked.

**2. Why did the lawyer give the right answer?**

He read, studied, memorized, and believed the Bible as the true Word of God—the Bible as it had grown up to his time, since he did not have the New Testament.

**3. Why do you think the priest and the Levite passed by and refused to help the injured man?**

They did not truly love God so as to obey God, or they restricted God’s law to only applying to those they knew to be fellow Jews. They did not love others so as to help anyone in need. They put themselves first and used their religion as a means to earn eternal life, which is impossible.

**4. What does it mean to live “by chance”?**

To live without a conscious intention to live according to the express will and leading of God as revealed in the Bible with the Holy Spirit’s help in daily life. To live without a conscious intention to pray for God to help you personally follow Jesus and His way of life.

**5. What does it mean to live “by faith”?**

To believe in, to trust in, to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior every day. To believe in and prayerfully study to Bible so you can have and learn more about the heart, the love, the truth, the will of God, and the plan of God for you to follow in the long term as well as the short term of your life.

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