

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

**Mark 11:1-11**

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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. Why do you think God wants us to do some things that He could easily do all by Himself?**

To develop a meaningful, loving, and satisfying relationship between God and us. To build up and increase our faith in God. To show us that we have importance and value to God, our world, and others as people God created in His image and Jesus died to save.

**2. What are some of the things that God expects us to do?**

Love, obey, and serve God. Help others with the gifts God has given us. Believe in and help others believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Love our neighbors and one another in the Lord.

**3. What qualities do you think God considers in a person prior to asking them to do something as important as borrowing a colt for Jesus?**

Dependability, honesty, willingness to obey God immediately, trusting in God and a growing faith in God through Jesus Christ, ability to work well with others.

**4. What qualities do you think an employer considers before hiring a worker? What different qualities might a church consider in a person before ordaining them as an elder or hiring them as a minister? How do these qualities differ?**

A history of working hard and wisely, of doing what he is told and often more than is required happily and without complaining, of honesty, dependability, truth telling, and having a desire to keep learning, improving, and correcting mistakes.

A knowledge of and love of God and the Bible and others. A willingness to serve others, especially those in need. A desire to glorify and worship God and promote the love and worship of God according to the Bible. A desire and ability to teach about God and Jesus according to the Bible.

The second group of qualities emphasizes love, knowledge of, and obedience to God. Both groups of qualities would be desirable in an elder, minister, teacher, or other church worker.

### **5. How can you tell whether or not someone is coming in the name of the Lord?**

They will believe the Bible is the true Word of God and they will trust in and obey Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. What they say and do will be consistent with the character of God and teachings of Jesus as they are helped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life. They will love and obey God and the commandments of Jesus. They will love God and others and not be self-centered or selfish.

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