

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

**John 2:1-12**

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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. From John 1:35-52, what are some of the names or titles that John the Baptist and Jesus’ first disciples called Jesus?**

The Lamb of God, Rabbi (Teacher), Messiah (Christ), The Son of God, King of Israel

**2. From these names, which ones mean the most to you personally? Give a reason for your answer.**

The Lamb of God — Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice for my sins. He loves me.

The Son of God — Jesus is God (Mighty God), the only begotten Son of God, the Word of God, perfect in every way with divine power to do whatever He chooses. He is fully God and fully human. He understands me and my situations, and He has the wisdom and power to help me and supply my real needs.

Messiah — Jesus Christ fulfilled the Bible’s prophecies about His first coming, and He will fulfill the Bible’s prophecies about His second coming. The Bible can be trusted as the true Word of God written.

**3. What might be the significance of Jesus accepting the invitation and taking His disciples to a wedding soon after He called them?**

The Bible describes the Church as the Bride of Christ, and as members of the Church, His first disciples needed to understand the meaning of Christ as the Bridegroom and the Church as the Bride. He could have explained some of this after the wedding in Capernaum. Jesus showed them how much God and He valued marriage and the family. He showed them a purpose of His miracles: they were signs, but not everyone would see or understand His miracles and signs. He would do some miracles quietly and unseen. He did His miracles to help others, and not just to draw attention to himself.

**4. Do you think Jesus did what His mother wanted because she was His mother and His mother asked Him? Who did Jesus say were His mother and brothers?**

No. Those who do the will of His Father in Heaven.

**5. What are some of the results when people obey Jesus immediately and completely?**

They often experience the joy that comes from serving Jesus and they sometimes see the results of their immediate and complete obedience. They bless others quickly in the way Jesus wanted. They sometimes see miracles worked by Jesus through them.

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