

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Luke 18:15-17 & Mark 10:16

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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. Think of Jesus and a movie star, a sports legend, and a politician. What are some of the qualities of each that attract people and their children to them?

Jesus: Kindness, Concern for helping others in many ways.

Movie star: fame

Sports legend: physical success

Politician: popular with some

2. How do you think the little children felt when Jesus called them to Him?

Happy, unafraid, and protected

3. How do believers in Jesus feel when they go to Him in prayer?

Happy and with other emotions depending on their circumstances and why they are going to Jesus. Unafraid and expecting help. Knowing Jesus is forgiving and understanding. Trusting He will ultimately protect them from evil. Knowing they will see Him face to face someday with joy.

4. Why does the kingdom of God “belong to such as these”?

The kingdom of God belongs to those who go to Jesus with love and trust to be with Him; they are drawn to Jesus because they know about Him and they want to know

more about Jesus personally. The Holy Spirit draws them and they respond to His leading, even though some might try to keep them away from Jesus.

5. Jesus sometimes called His disciples “children.” Do you think of yourself as a child of Jesus? If so, what does that mean to you?

Yes. I am totally dependent on Jesus for everything, even life itself moment-by-moment. I can trust Him as a loving Father. Jesus said, “If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” “Jesus answered: ‘Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’” (John 14:7,9).

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