Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Galatians 4:8-20
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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. What is the way to be freed from slavery to beings and things that are not gods?

Accept the gospel of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, stay turned away from those beings and things that are not gods, and continue to believe in and obey Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. What can we do if we find ourselves turning back to the forces that once enslaved us?

Repent of our sins. Ask Jesus Christ to forgive us for our faithlessness, free us from our slavery once again, and cleanse us from our sins. Ask Jesus Christ to help us stay loyal to Him in the future through true faithful obedience to Him in all things. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand and apply the Bible's teachings to our daily lives as we return to or continue in Bible study. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead us and empower us to know and do the will of God day-by-day.

3. What kind of example did Paul give when he preached the gospel to the Galatians despite an illness?

Sometimes God can use our illnesses as an opportunity to teach someone about faith in Jesus Christ and the value of trusting in Christ no matter our circumstances.

4. Why do you think the Galatians welcomed Paul despite his illness?

They saw beyond his illness; they saw something of the grace and power of Jesus Christ in Paul; therefore, they welcomed him as a messenger or angel from God to them.

5. What can be the response of someone if we tell them the truth?

They can love us more for our faithfulness to them or they can become our enemy.

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