

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Ephesians 2:1-10
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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. How did we once live and why?

We followed the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit that is at work in those who are disobedient, because we were dead in our trespasses and sins.

2. Why were we once deserving of God’s judgment and wrath?

Because we gratified the cravings of our flesh and followed its desires and thoughts.

3. If Jesus is our Lord and Savior, why are we now alive with Christ?

Because of God’s great love for us and God’s rich mercy. We have been saved by God’s grace, through faith in Jesus Christ—and faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God

4. Where is Jesus Christ today and where are all true Christians spiritually?

Christ is seated in the heavenly realms, and we are seated with Christ, so God can show the incomparable riches of His grace and His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

5. Why are we alive in Christ on the earth today?

We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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