

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

Exodus 3:1-12

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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. Ancient history records failed slave revolts in various kingdoms, why did the slave revolt of the Israelites in Egypt succeed?

God was with the Israelites. God had foretold their slavery to Abraham. God keeps His promises. God heard their

cries and their prayers. God saw their oppression. God planned to show that He was greater than all idols. God planned for the Messiah to be born to the tribe of Judah, so the Israelites and their history was especially planned by God to demonstrate His true nature and character that would lead to the salvation of all who would trust in the true God and His Messiah.

2. The Bible tells us to pray for God to fulfill His promises, relate what you know about prayer to Exodus 3:9.

God heard the cries or prayers of His people. God saw their oppression. The people may have remembered God's promise to Abraham about the length of their slavery, so they may have cried out to God to fulfill His promise to Abraham. The fact that God sees our real needs is important. The fact that God hears our prayers is important. The fact that God is both just and merciful is important. The fact that God keeps His promises is important. The fact that God wants to hear our prayers and especially hear us when we pray in accordance with His promises is important. Jesus gave us many promises regarding prayer that we can use when we pray (see Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1; Luke 22:40).

3. What are you doing or have you done for God and others that you would have never dreamed possible years earlier?

Writing a Bible Lesson Commentary and Bible Lessons that can be published freely on the Internet for others to use. Years earlier, the Internet had not been invented.

4. How do you think God might have been involved or be involved in what you have done or are doing for God to help others?

I think God inspired me to want to study the Bible more than any other subject, and I think God inspired me to want to help others by making Bible Lessons and Bible Commentaries free for those who have Internet access. I think God inspired me and made it possible for me to learn how to use the tools I would need to put materials on the Internet.

5. How would you feel and what would you think if God told you to do something and the sign that He was with you would be the eventual accomplishment of what He wanted you to do? That you would know God was with you by hindsight? [Think of God's sign to Moses – that Moses would worship God on that same mountain with the Israelites after he had freed them from slavery in Egypt.]

I would probably feel a little uncomfortable from learning that some future accomplishment of mine would be the evidence that God was with me; however, when believers look back over their lives they can see how God was with

them many times and helping and leading them. God also gave Moses some signs that he could perform immediately with his staff and the providential arrival of Aaron very quickly to help him by speaking for him. So, God used more than one way or sign to encourage Moses. We can look for these “smaller” types of signs or ways that the God of all creation is with us personally as we do what He wants us to do in His service.

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