

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

Exodus 31:12-18

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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. Name a way people can show they agree with the covenant God gave through Moses?

They can observe the Sabbath by gathering with others to worship God and study the Scriptures, as well as do deeds of love and mercy as Jesus did.

2. What does God make us and what is one or two means He uses to do so?

God makes us holy: He sets us apart for His holy service. We can observe the Sabbath. We can love and obey Him according to His Word.

3. Why is there a penalty for disobeying God's Law?

A law will not be a law unless there is a penalty for disobedience. The penalty shows how much God regards the keeping of His Law. God's Law is more than just good advice.

4. Who has given us good examples of what it means to observe the Sabbath?

God on the seventh day when He rested. Jesus Christ during His public ministry.

5. What two benefits did God receive when He rested on the seventh day? Do people need these benefits from observing the Sabbath?

Rest and refreshment. Yes.

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