

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Nehemiah 9:32-38 & 10:28-29
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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 Nehemiah describe God in Nehemiah 9:32?

God was their God. God is great, mighty, and awesome. God keeps His covenant of love.

2. Describe the difference between the way God had acted toward His people and the way His people had acted toward God in Nehemiah 9:33.

God's people had acted wickedly. God had remained righteous and had acted faithfully.

3. List the type or social status of the people who did not keep God's Law.

Kings, leaders, priests, ancestors, Levites, gatekeepers, musicians, temple servants, wives, sons and daughters.

4. How were the people treated in the land God gave to their ancestors?

As slaves, their abundant harvests went to the kings God had placed over them. These kings ruled over their bodies and their cattle as they pleased.

5. What did Nehemiah lead the people to do?

Make a binding agreement, put it in writing, and have the leaders, Levites and priests sign it (affix their seals to it) along with the rest of the people.