

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

Genesis 1:1-13

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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. Describe what was the earth like after God first created the heavens and the earth?

The earth was dark, formless, empty, void, chaotic, and covered with water, but the Spirit of God hovered over the earth.

2. After creating the heavens and the earth, what did God create next? Why do you think God created that next?

Next, God created the light, because God wanted the angels to see His handiwork and to reveal His handiwork as He created additional objects and beings. To show that God is not dependent on the sun, moon, or stars to provide light for the universe. God wanted to reveal His nature and character for all the world to see, and see that everything God did was good.

3. As God created, what judgments did God make?

God made value judgments and said that whatever He did was good.

4. What are some of the items God separated as God created day by day?

Light from darkness, water from water above the earth, and land from water on the earth.

5. What are some things you have learned about God in this lesson?

God is intelligent and all powerful. God can and will do what God says. God can create out of nothing. God can make value judgments, evaluate His work, and will only do what is good. God wants others to see and enjoy His handiwork. God wants to create for the benefit and happiness of others.

