

International Bible Lesson

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all 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.

1. When God gave the Law to Moses, what are some of the types of statutes and ordinances that no longer apply to those who follow Jesus as Lord?

Rules about what foods you can and cannot eat. Rules about sacrifices.

2. What type of laws from the Law of Moses still apply today?

The 10 Commandments, the Moral Law of God, the law of love for God and neighbor.

3. What might the followers of Jesus substitute for binding the Scriptures as a sign on their hand or fixing them as emblems on their forehead?

Wearing a cross inside or outside their clothing. Carrying the Bible with them wherever they go.

4. When are some times when you might not want to wear a visible sign that you are a Christian?

When you might be tempted to visibly wear the cross as a hypocrite, to make people think you are more holy than others as a matter of pride. When it might needlessly endanger your life or the lives of others.

5. In what ways can Christian families help each member in the family live faithful and obedient to Jesus Christ as their Lord?

Read the Bible and discuss what you are learning—even if you do not read the Bible together, you can share what you are learning with others in the family. Talk about trusting in Jesus, believing the Bible, and obeying God. Live with the goal of being the best Christian example you can be—the Holy Spirit being your Helper. Talk about current events, current moral standards (or the absence of moral standards), people the world admires, heroes in the Bible and Christian history, what a follower of Jesus would do

these days in different places in the world. Compare and contrast Christian beliefs and Bible teachings with those that are not Christian.

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