

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 & 2 John 1:1-13 International Bible Lesson Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

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; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Reread 2 Thessalonians 3:1, how might the church and world be different if every Christian’s first prayer request each day was the same as Paul’s?

“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,” (2 Thessalonians 3:1). Along with other Christians in answer to our prayer, we also would live our lives and talk in such a way that the word of the Lord in some way would spread to others and be honored. Many more people would become Christians because of the example and words of increasing numbers of true Christians, and the church would grow in truth and love and honor the Lord Jesus.

2. Reread 2 Thessalonians 3:5, what did Paul pray for the Thessalonians? How might that prayer be answered in your life?

“and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith” (2 Thessalonians 3:2). In answer to this prayer, more Christians would be delivered from wicked, evil, faithless deceivers.

3. How are Christians supposed to live (walk) and why should they live (walk) that way?

Live (walk) in the truth and love one another because the Father has commanded Christians to live (walk) in these ways and it is the right way for everyone to live.

4. According to John, what are some characteristics of a deceiver?

They have gone out into the world (from out of the circle Christian faith, love, and truth) and they do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. They are antichrist. They do not abide in the teaching of Christ. They do not have God.

5. What are some of the things people are doing when they welcome a deceiver into their home or church?

They are dropping their guard and they can be deceived. They are giving deceivers an opportunity to deceive others. They are participating in the evil deeds of the deceiver.

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