

Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:6-8

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. Do you think the eleven disciples would have gone to see Jesus in Galilee if they had not first been convinced in Jerusalem that He was raised from the dead? Give a reason for your answer.

No. They did not believe the testimony of the women and would not believe Jesus was raised from the dead until they saw Jesus personally.

2. What do you think some of the people doubted?

Whether it was Jesus or some other being (spirit or angel?) that they saw. Perhaps they could not see well and could not believe it was Jesus until He spoke to them. Or, they doubted whether they should worship Jesus or not, for they were only to worship God.

3. What did Jesus say about himself? What does that mean to you?

Jesus said all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him. He also said, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” I can worship Jesus

as Lord and Savior and King of the universe and trust that every moment of every day Jesus is with me no matter what happens.

4. What are some commands Jesus gave the disciples? Should we obey them too?

Go to all nations. Make disciples in all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all that He had commanded them to do. Yes, in all the ways possible to us as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and use the gifts God has given to us to serve Jesus our King.

5. What were the disciples to receive and how would this gift help them? Will this gift also help Christians today?

The gift is the Holy Spirit who would give them power as witnesses for Jesus wherever they went. Yes.

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