

How to Use the Student Study Guide Handouts

International Bible Lessons Commentary

1. Open with prayer.
2. Distribute the Student Study Guide to each class member and ask someone in the class to read the scripture text for the Bible Lesson, or go around the room with each person reading a verse from their Bible or the Student Study Guide. You may want to give different Student Study Guide Bible translations to class members so they can compare different translations verse by verse and note any interesting differences.
3. Go around the room and number off verses to study. In a large class, assign the same verse more than once and/or use different Bible translations when the same verse is assigned more than once. Some students may want to work in small groups.
4. Students will gain insight from writing out their assigned verse in the space provided in the Student Study Guide. Writing out the verse will help them consider each word in the verse and what it means. You may want to have both a dictionary and a Bible dictionary available in the classroom.
5. After writing the verse, students should answer the two questions on the handout. If necessary, they can use the back of the handout when writing their answers.
6. Go around the class and have the students read their answers to their questions. Some may not want to read what the verse meant to them personally. Some may feel more comfortable answering the question, “What does this verse mean today?”
7. During class discussion, you may want to supplement each student’s answers from your own study, other resources, and/or the *International Bible Lessons Commentary*.
8. If time permits, read the short *International Bible Lesson*. Ask the class if they agree or disagree, or if they gained some insight from, the *International Bible Lesson*.
9. Ask the class to share any new applications, ideas, or insights that they have received from their verse by verse study. Ask how they might share what they learned with others.
10. If time permits, handout, answer, and discuss the answers to the *International Bible Lesson True & False Test* or give it as a take-home assignment for lesson review. Some students may enjoy working the *International Bible Lesson Crossword Puzzle* or the *International Bible Lesson Word Search Puzzle* or taking home the bulletin-size or larger *International Bible Lesson* with the five discussion questions. Close with prayer.