



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 5:30-38 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

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 [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. What are some of the actions that Jesus can take without consulting His Father?

The Father and the Son are so closely united in thought, word, and deed that Jesus never did or does anything independent of His Father or without consulting His Father.

2. What did Jesus mean when He said His testimony about himself was not true?

Following the Jewish law, if a person testified about himself with no one else or nothing else testifying in His behalf, then the testimony was not true (or people should at least be doubting about the person’s claims). Jesus had

other testimonies than His alone; therefore, we know His testimony was true.

3. Who did Jesus say truly testified about Him?

John the Baptist and Jesus' Father.

4. Why did Jesus refer people to the human testimony of others? Why do we tell others about Jesus?

That they might believe and be saved. People should consult more than one witness and the Bible tells us that we need more than one witness or we should at least consult more than one witness before believing someone's claims. We tell others about Jesus so they might believe and be saved.

5. What and/or who did Jesus say was a greater testimony than John's testimony?

His works and His Father and the Scriptures (the word of the Father that did not abide or dwell in them, because they did not believe Jesus).

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