



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 7:14-24 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 is the Law of God?

The Law of God is the Law of Love: the requirement or rule of God to love God and our neighbors. The Law of Love sums up the Ten Commandments, also called the Moral Law of God, and the commandments of Jesus, which He often illustrated with parables.

2. Is there a problem with the Law of God? Explain your answer.

No. The problem is with people who misinterpret the Law of God, such as the Pharisees with all their traditions regarding the meaning and application of the Law of God:

the religious elite who wanted to control others, but who did not obey the Law of God themselves. They loved neither God nor their neighbors.

3. What is the Will of God?

The will of God is that we rightly understand and resolve to rightly apply the Law of Love; such as, God's declaration through the prophets like the Prophet Micah in Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Supremely, God wills that everyone repent of their sins, believe Jesus, and believe in Jesus as the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and their Lord and Savior.

4. Is there a problem with the Will of God? Explain your answer.

No. But some think the will of God is obeying the Law of God without truly loving God and their neighbors, without needing to turn from their sins and trust in Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, for salvation, to receive the power to become children of God, to receive the indwelling Holy Spirit, to receive the gift of eternal life, and many wonderful blessings.

5. How can someone know if Jesus, or anyone else, was sent from God or not?

If a person wills or resolves to do the will of God, by the power of God and the truth of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, they will learn, believe, and come to know that Jesus was sent from God and Jesus was teaching the truth of God. They will know that Jesus was not speaking on His own. By the grace of God and the truth of God in the Bible, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, those who will to do the will of God will recognize a false messiah, a false prophet, or a false teacher of God—people that Jesus told believers to always be aware of and avoid.

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