



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 7:37-44 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. In what way was Jesus’ teaching in the temple similar to what He taught the Samaritans?

Jesus offered to give living water that would satisfy their spiritual thirst to the Samaritans in the town and to those who listened to Him in the temple.

2. What are two conditions that Jesus told people they must fulfill in order to have their spiritual needs met?

They must come to Him (“Ask and it will be given to you”—Matthew 7:7) and they must believe in Him as the Person He revealed himself to be according to the Bible.

3. What will happen to the person who fulfills these two conditions?

Jesus will give believers who come to Him the Spirit who will bring forth rivers of living water from their heart.

4. Do you think John thought the Spirit existed before Jesus was glorified? Give a reason for your answer.

Yes. John wrote of John the Baptist seeing the Spirit descend on Jesus when he baptized Jesus, which was before Jesus was glorified.

5. List four ideas that those in the crowd had about Jesus.

Some thought Jesus was a prophet.

Some thought Jesus was the Messiah.

Some had no idea who Jesus was.

Some wanted Jesus arrested.

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