



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 8:12-20 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 types of light are there? What type of light is Jesus?

There is so-called natural light that Jesus created (see John 1:3 and Genesis 1:3). There is Jesus, who is moral Light, spiritual Light and the Truth (a synonym for light).

2. How can someone avoid walking in darkness? What kind of darkness did Jesus mean?

By following Jesus, the Light, in word and deed, you can avoid walking in darkness. Jesus meant moral and spiritual darkness, living according to the flesh or mere human standards and philosophies, instead of living according to God’s standards, the revealed will of God in the Bible.

3. What standards did the Pharisees use when judging? What standards did Jesus use when judging?

They used human standards that people devised; their standards were according to the flesh, their selfish emotions and desires. Jesus used divine standards; God’s standards as revealed in the Bible. Jesus obeyed the two great commandments, the Law of Love, Jesus loved God and His neighbors.

4. Who were or what were Jesus' two witnesses in His behalf?

Jesus, who is the Son of God, and God the Father.

5. If you know Jesus, who else will you know? Who did the Pharisees not know?

If you know Jesus, you will also know God the Father. The Pharisees did not know God.

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