



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### John 8:39-47 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 do the true children of Abraham do?**

The true children of Abraham do what Abraham did. They believe God, trust in God, and obey God.

#### **2. How did Jesus describe himself as a man?**

Jesus described himself as a man who has told you the truth He heard from God.

#### **3. Who did the religious leaders say was their father?**

Abraham and God himself.

#### **4. Why did Jesus say they were not their father? Who did Jesus say was their father, and how did Jesus describe their father?**

They did not do what Abraham did. They did not love Jesus or accept His word. Jesus said their father was the devil. They chose to do their father’s desires. Their father was a murderer and a liar from the beginning, and there was no truth in him. They tell lies and murder God’s servants.

## **5. Who hears and who does not hear the words of God?**

Those who are from God hear the words of God. They accept the words of God as from God. Those who are not from God do not hear the words of God. They do not accept the words of God as from God.

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