



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 8:39-47 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(John 8:39) “Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do what Abraham did.

(John 8:40) As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

(John 8:41) You are doing the works of your own father.” “We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

(John 8:42) Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

(John 8:43) Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

(John 8:44) You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

(John 8:45) Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

(John 8:46) Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?

(John 8:47) Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?