



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 8:48-59 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. Why do you think Jesus did not deny that He was a Samaritan?

He did not consider being called a Samaritan an insult. Jesus created all races and loves people of all races. We do not need to reply to all personal insults.

2. When accused of having a demon, what are some things Jesus said in John 8:49? What lesson might His followers learn from Jesus’ reply?

He denied having a demon. He said He honored God, His Father. He knew that those who dishonored Him also dishonored His Father, God. We know those who dishonor

us as Christians also dishonor God the Father and His Son, Jesus. Those who dishonor the Father and the Son need to believe in Jesus and accept Him as their Lord and Savior to receive eternal life.

3. What must someone do to never see death? What did Jesus mean?

They must keep (obey) Jesus' word: Jesus' message from God and Jesus' message about himself, which is a message from God, His Father.

4. What did Jesus say about seeking glory?

Jesus did not seek His own glory. His Father, who is the Judge, did seek to glorify Jesus, the Savior of the world. If we glorify ourselves, our glory is nothing.

5. Why did the religious leaders pick up stones to throw at Jesus?

When Jesus applied the divine name and title, "I am," to himself, they recognized that Jesus claimed to be God. Because their father was the devil, they refused to believe Jesus and accused Him of committing blasphemy (which they themselves did all the time when they spoke and acted as hypocrites and did not really know, love, and seek to honor God).

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