



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 12:37-43 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 12:37) Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

(John 12:38) This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

(John 12:39) For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

(John 12:40) “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.”

(John 12:41) Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

(John 12:42) Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

(John 12:43) for they loved human praise more than praise from 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?