



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 13:31-38 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. If someone glorifies a sport’s star or celebrity, what does that mean and how do they do so?

It means they honor and praise them for what they have done. They do so by talking a lot about what they did and how they did it and what they might be able to do in the future. They want others to think about them and honor them as they do, so they talk a lot about them in great detail and compare them to others who are not as important to them or whose words, deeds, and performances are not as impressive.

2. What does it mean to glorify the Father and the Son, and how do Christians do so?

The Father honors and praises the Son in word and deed. The Son honors and praises the Father in word and deed. The Father speaks through Jesus and confirms that His words and Jesus' teachings are the same using signs, including Jesus' death and resurrection. Christians honor and praise the Father and the Son. Christians talk about why they honor them, and they honor them the best by loving and obeying them and obeying them because they love them. They want others to love, honor, and obey them too, and when they talk about the Father and the Son and what they have done and what they do, they honor and glorify God the Father and the Son of God. They show and tell how no one and no other god is greater than the true God or more impressive in word and deed than the Father and the Son. They do this because they love God.

3. What was the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples? In what ways would you consider it “new”?

Disciples of Jesus are to love other disciples of Jesus as Jesus loved His original disciples. It is new because the standard that disciples are to use for love when loving one another is the way Jesus loved and continues to love His disciples. The way Jesus loved is the standard of true love, a perfect standard and example, which is greater than loving our neighbors as ourselves. We can only love other

disciples as Jesus loved and loves His disciples if the Holy Spirit indwells us, guides us, empowers us, and loves through us. This love includes great satisfaction and enjoyment among Jesus' disciples in one another, so this type of love cannot include those who do evil, for Jesus' disciples cannot enjoy satisfaction in a relationship with those who think, say, and do evil. Jesus' disciples can love their neighbors (good or evil) as they try to wisely help both according to their needs—the one who does evil can learn about salvation in Jesus if someone loves them enough to tell them about Jesus and His love for sinners.

4. What is one way people will know if a group of people are followers of Jesus Christ?

They will love one another as Jesus loved and loves them.

5. What did Peter tell Jesus and what did Jesus tell Peter?

Peter told Jesus that he would die for him. Jesus told Peter that he would deny Him three times before the cock crowed.

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