



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 14:8-14 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 did Philip say would satisfy him?

Philip wanted Jesus to show them the Father and said that would satisfy them. Philip was thinking of seeing the Father with his physical eyes.

2. What did Jesus expect Philip should know and why?

Jesus expected Philip to see the Father with his spiritual “eyes” or with spiritual discernment. If Philip would do this, then he would “see” that the divine spiritual nature and character of Jesus was the same as His Father, the same as God, the LORD as revealed in the Bible. Jesus said

that Philip should have learned these truths because Philip had been with Jesus for “all this time,” a long enough time to know the Father from all Jesus had taught and demonstrated.

3. What kind of words did Jesus speak and what kind of works did Jesus do?

Jesus spoke words from His Father and did works of His Father. The Father indwelt Jesus and did His works.

4. Why should we believe in Jesus? What kind of works can believers do?

We should believe in Jesus because of the works of the Father in Jesus that we have learned about in the Bible and the disciples and the people saw when Jesus walked on this earth. With our spiritual eyes we can still see the works of the Father and Jesus in our lives and in the world today. Believers can do the same kind of works that Jesus did: works that help and heal others in a variety of ways with the gifts Jesus gives us. For example, many of our health care workers who believe in Jesus do greater works of healing than is humanly possible. Missionaries can fly around the world to teach about Jesus, whereas Jesus physically limited himself to teaching in Galilee, Samaria, the other side of the Jordan River, and Judea. Jesus works within believers in Him to do His work today.

5. How does Jesus teaching on prayer in these verses encourage you?

If we stay close to Jesus and learn what the Bible teaches, then we will have Jesus' help in knowing what to pray for and how to pray. Then, we will know how to pray according to the will of God, to glorify God the Father and Jesus, and we will receive what we ask because we will be praying according to the will of God, for what God wants and will wisely give.

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