



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 15:10-17 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 examples did Jesus say He had given us as His disciples?

Jesus kept His Father’s commandments. Jesus abided in His Father’s love. Jesus loved His disciples and others, and He showed His great love by giving His life for them and us. Jesus made known what He heard from the Father to them personally and through them to us in the Bible.

2. What commandments did Jesus give us as His disciples?

That we love one another as He has loved us. That we do what He commands us. That we go and bear fruit that will

last.

3. Why did Jesus show and tell us, His disciples, what He did?

Jesus wanted His joy to be in us that our joy might be complete, and that we would love on another.

4. What did Jesus call those who knew what He was doing? What does Jesus expect from those who know what He is doing?

He called those who knew what He was doing His friends. Jesus expected His friends to do what He commanded.

5. What two names did Jesus use when He spoke of His disciples? What did He mean when He changed what He called them? What are we to Jesus? Why?

He first spoke of them as His servants because He was their Master. Then He spoke of them as His friends because they had learned what He was doing and why, and for that reason they kept His commands. We are friends if we learn and do as they did. We pray and study the Bible, and the Holy Spirit helps us understand what we read and obey the commands of Jesus where we live and go according to Jesus' teachings in the Bible.

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