



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 15:18-27 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. The world hated Jesus before it hated His disciples. Does the world still hate Jesus and His disciples? Give one reason why you think as you do.

Yes. Jesus has chosen us out of the world to live differently from the world.

2. What must you do for the world to love you as its own?

I must belong to the world and live like the world and approve what the world does and the way people of the world live without complaining.

3. In what ways are or can Christians be persecuted where you live today?

They can lose their jobs. They can be cursed and accused of things they have not said or done. They can be shunned or driven out of a church.

4. What reason or reasons did Jesus give for the persecution of Christians?

They persecute Christians on account of Jesus’ name: He is Lord and Savior, and because they do not know God the Father.

5. When someone hates Jesus who else do they hate? What word in the law did and do these haters fulfill?

They also hate God the Father. “They hated me without cause.” Jesus never said or did anything that would justify someone hating Him. He only did good and loving things.

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