



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 17:20-26 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. Who did Jesus pray for in His “High Priestly Prayer” (see John 17)?

Jesus prayed for His disciples who were with Him prior to His arrest. He prayed for all those who would believe in Him through their word. As believers in Him according to His word and their word (that is His word), He prayed for us.

2. What did Jesus want the world to believe?

Jesus wanted the world to believe that the Father had sent Him. See also, John 3:16.

3. What does it mean to you to have the Father and the Son in you?

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6:19, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?” To me it means that I am the temple of God and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in me as they do in all Jesus’ disciples. It means They can love and live in and through us to complete their work in us and so we can complete the work They have planned for us to do.

4. What does it mean to you to be one with the Father and Jesus and with all who believe in the Father and the Son?

It means to me that all those in the Church can be united in thought, word, and deed with the Father and Jesus according to the plan of Jesus for each disciple and each congregation as He has revealed in His Word written, the Bible.

5. What does it mean to you to be loved by the Father even as the Father has loved Jesus?

It means to me more than words can express. It is beyond my comprehension how the Father can love a repentant sinner who believes in Jesus even as He loves Jesus, who never sinned. It is very humbling to know this fact even as I am thankful to know this fact.

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