



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

John 17:9-19 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. In His prayer, why do you think Jesus did not pray directly on behalf of the world?

Jesus was praying with His disciples and for His disciples and for all those who would become disciples through their preaching and teaching about Him after He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus prayed indirectly for the world because He prayed that through His disciples the world might know and believe that the Father sent Jesus into the world. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded us (His disciples) to make disciples of all nations.

2. What do you think was the “name” the Holy Father gave Jesus? And what did Jesus want the Holy Father to do in His name?

I think the “name” was “Jesus.” In Matthew 1:21, the angel said, “She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” The “name” also represents the character and nature of a person, whether a person has a “good name” or a good reputation based on their words and deeds or not. The “name” of Jesus represents the character and nature of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. They have a good reputation in the world, especially after the ministry of Jesus. In John 17:11, Jesus prayed, “protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

3. What did Jesus do on behalf of His disciples, with one exception? Who was and why was there one exception?

Jesus protected and guarded them. Judas was the exception that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

4. What did Jesus want made complete in His disciples?

His joy.

5. What did Jesus mean by sanctify? Who was sanctified and what is necessary for someone to be sanctified?

Sanctify or consecrate means to set aside or set apart for holy use. Jesus sanctified or consecrated himself for His disciples, that they might be sanctified in truth—set apart or set aside for holy use in the name of Jesus. Truth (knowing and believing and acting on the truth) is necessary to be sanctified or to consecrate oneself.

Disciples of Jesus Christ consecrate themselves to loving and serving Jesus Christ supremely because God's Word (Jesus) and God's Word Written (the Bible) are true, and because Jesus prayed in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." The truth directs us how to live holy and wholly for the Lord Jesus Christ.

© 2021 by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. All Rights Reserved.

Permission Granted for Not for Profit Use.

Contact: P.O. Box 1052, Edmond, Oklahoma, 73083 and lgp@theiblf.com.