



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 John 1:1-10 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 John declare to his readers?

John declared the basis for his testimony about Jesus and why it was valid, and then he gave the reason for his testimony. He declared the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to them.

2. What did John want his readers to have?

John wanted them to have fellowship with them (including other followers of Jesus Christ) and with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. He wanted them to have complete joy.

3. What was the message that John proclaimed?

John proclaimed the message that they heard from Jesus, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

4. What did John say is the result of walking in the light?

We have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

5. What did John say is the result of confessing our sins?

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thinking Further for Extra Credit Your Discussion Notes

1. What are some qualities of a reliable witness?
2. How did John indicate that he was a reliable witness?
3. What is the difference between discovering a truth and learning a revealed truth? Describe the truth that John wrote about.
4. Is there a difference between scientific truth and truth in the Bible? If so, how would you describe the difference?

5. In 1 John, the Greek word for *Fellowship* is *Koinonia*, which can be translated fellowship, joint partnership, community, and communion. How could you use the word *Koinonia* to describe the church to someone who knows nothing about the followers of Jesus Christ or the church? Why is *Koinonia* important among Jesus' followers?

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