



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 John 2:15-19 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. How would you define or explain “world” as John uses the word?

In the Bible, “the world” or “this world” can mean a civilization, culture, fellowship, society, or philosophy that promotes rebellion against God and God’s commandments.

2. How would you describe someone who loves the world?

A “worldly person” follows their feelings or thoughts to gratify themselves supremely instead of loving God supremely and others as the Bible teaches. By doing so, they misuse and damage themselves and others.

3. How would you describe someone who has the love of the Father within them?

They obey the commandments of Jesus and love God and others. They also love their fellow Christians as Jesus Christ loves them. The love of God within them enables them to love others according to the will of God.

4. What did John say comes from the world and not from the Father?

The desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches comes not from the Father but from the world.

5. Who does John say will live forever? Do you agree? Why or why not?

In 1 John 2:17, John wrote, “And the world and its desire are passing away, but *those who do the will of God live forever.*” Yes. The will of God definitely includes believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as our Lord and Savior, which will lead the true believer to follow and obey Jesus, which is according to the will of God.

**Thinking Further for Extra Credit
Your Discussion Notes**

1. What did John say was passing away? Why do you think this must happen?

2. In 1 John 2:15-19, what did John say about antichrists?

3. Why do you think an antichrist will leave a fellowship of true Christians?

4. What do you think John meant by “the last hour”? According to John, how does someone know it is the last hour?

5. How can someone make plain they are not a follower of Jesus Christ?