



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 John 4:7-12 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 reasons did John give for the followers of Jesus to love one another?

God is love and love is from God.

2. What two truths did John say about a person who is born of God?

A person who is born of God loves and knows God.

3. What did John say about a person who does not love?

A person who does not love does not know God.

4. How did God reveal His love to us and why did God do so?

God revealed His love to us by sending His only Son into the world. God did so that we might live through Jesus.

5. How did John describe God's love compared to our love?

God did not send His Son because we loved God or His Son. God sent His Son because God loves us.

Thinking Further for Extra Credit Your Discussion Notes

1. What did Jesus come into our world to be for us?
2. What are some of the blessings that God gives those who accept Jesus as the Person He came to be for us?
3. Because God loved us and still loves us as much as He did when He sent Jesus (and still does), how ought we to live?
4. Since no one has ever seen God, how do believers come to know God?
5. How can the love of God be perfected in followers of Jesus?

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