



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 10:11-21

Lord Jesus, we praise You for the inspired Word of God that we read in the Bible. We thank You even more for entering our world as the Word made flesh and dwelling among us as the Good Shepherd. You not only taught and showed us how to live and love, but You laid down Your life for us when You died on a cruel cross in our behalf. Our sins could never be justly and mercifully forgiven if You had not sacrificed Your life for us. We glorify and honor You today as the Good Shepherd who rose from the dead, who loves and cares for us, and who will not run away and forsake us in our hours of deepest need. You know us and know us by name, and we know You, and we know that You are our Lord and Savior and You hear our prayers. Lord Jesus, the Father loves You and we love You too. Thank You for assuring us that You have the power to help us in any situation, because You had and have the power to lay down Your life and take it up again. We honor You as King of kings and Lord of lords because You used Your awesome powers to raise yourself from the dead after three days in the tomb—You received the command to do so from Your Father. Please help us honor You as You deserve and help us share the Good News about You with others even though we know some will not believe. Even though the truths You taught about yourself and the Father brought division in Your day, even among unbelievers, You only spoke the truth. We know that the truths we teach about You will also bring division but help us remain faithful to do all You have called us to do. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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