



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 16:12-22

Lord Jesus, we praise and glorify You for Your great love and compassion that motivates You to not tell us all at one time more than we can bear or understand. We thank You for teaching us one day at a time what we need to know from our reading of Your Word and from the work of the Spirit of Truth in our daily lives. Before Your arrest, Your disciples could not have coped with a full knowledge of what You would soon experience on the cross. Likewise, we cannot cope with a full knowledge of everything we may experience in the future. But we do know You. We know that You have given us eternal life. We know that You have prepared a place for us with the Father and You forever. Please strengthen our faith. Please continue to guide us into all the truth through the Spirit of Truth who indwells us. We pray that as we study and teach from the Bible that Your Spirit would protect us from all error and that we would know and share truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Please declare to us what we need to know when we need to know the things that are to come, trusting that You will not reveal to us more than we can bear. Lord Jesus, You know all things. When we have questions that are important to You and us, please teach us what we need to know according to Your perfect timing. Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world. We seek to share Your light in the world. We seek to love and glorify You even as the Spirit of Truth loves and glorifies You. When we weep, mourn, and have pain, we will rejoice in You. We know and trust that we will never have our joy taken from us. 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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