



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 21:9-19

Lord Jesus, thank You for preparing what we need even before we know what we need, even as You prepared breakfast for Your hungry disciples, so they did not need to cook their own breakfast after a tiring night of fishing. You planned and prepared to come into the world to save us from our sins even before You created the world. You loved us before we were born, and You loved us and died for us while we were still sinners. We cannot come close to fully understanding Your complete love for us. Thank You for helping us meet our real needs, even as you helped the disciples catch enough fish to meet the needs of their families, perhaps for many days to come. You gave them the talent to fish. They used their talents, and You helped them use their talents to catch the fish they needed. Likewise, please help us recognize and use the talents You have given to us, and then please help us use our talents rightly and wisely according to Your purposes. Lord Jesus, please help us love You more and more each day. Please help us demonstrate our love for you by obeying all Your commands and by obeying them more consistently day-by-day. Please help us see and understand how to overcome our sins, our blind spots, and our weaknesses that hurt us and others. Help us to never betray You or deny You. Instead, please help us help others that we might tend Your sheep and feed Your lambs. Help us become ever more willing to do Your will and obey Your commands, leaving our future to Your loving tender care as one of Your lambs. 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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