

Community group questions
1 John 2:18-27

Opening question: Share a time when you were fooled by something that turned out to be less than promised.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 2:18-19. In what sense have these antichrists gone out from them and how does that raise the level of concern? What has always been true of the church through the ages? How do these verses speak to perseverance of the saints: Philippians 1:6; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:37-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.
- Read 1 John 2:20-21. What is the distinguishing mark of a true Christian? How can we be people of the truth? In a day of an excessive number of teachers and writers, how do we apply 1 John 4:1?
- Read 1 John 2:22-23. How can we discern whether a teacher is to be trusted and followed? What essential beliefs of Jesus must accompany true teaching (see also John 1:1-2, 14; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Romans 10:9-10)? How can you publicly confess and acknowledge Jesus this week?
- Read 1 John 2:26-27. What is this anointing and how is John's confirmation of the anointing they have received critical to their present situation? How is this anointing protection against deception? What do the following verses tell us about the Holy Spirit: John 14:16-17; 16:7-14; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 1:13-14? What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you lately?
- Read 1 John 2:24-25. How is this an encouragement to keep pressing on? What helps you to persevere even when you may have doubts, challenges to your faith, or when you see others fall away?