



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: 1 John 2:18-27

18 Children, it is the last hour. And as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. By this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. However, they went out so that it might be made clear that none of them belongs to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar, if not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father as well. 24 What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life.

26 I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him. (CSB)

Sermon Summary:

Those who left the church were teaching that Jesus was not the Christ. They separated the human Jesus from Christ which negated the salvation that Jesus brought. Their teaching was contrary to what the apostles had taught concerning Jesus. John calls these "teachers" antichrists. However, John has confidence in two things that have been given to the believers in their fight against the deceivers. These two things are the word they heard and received at the beginning and the anointing or the Holy Spirit which they also received. This anointing teaches and confirms the word they heard at the beginning. John has confidence in these two allies against the heretical and deceptive teachings of those who left. Let's remain in God's word and in the anointing which will safe guard us

against these other teachings.

Discussion:

What determines if a person is a deceiver or as John calls them antichrists? Why should we be careful in calling someone an antichrist? Why does John say to deny the Son is to deny the Father? In 2:20-21 John writes "you have an anointing" and "you know the truth". Why is John so confident? What is the truth that John is referring to in 2:21? What does the anointing mean? What does the anointing teach? What are ways to remain in the Son and the Father? What does this look like practically in your life?

End with Prayer