

**POINT:** STAY

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 2:18-27. In this passage, how would you summarize John's message to the church?

What phrase or verse encourages you and why?

2. Read v18. What is this antichrist that John expects to come? What is the difference between the antichrist and antichrists in the church to which John is writing?

In what ways do we see the spirit of antichrist at work today?

3. In v20-21 and 27. What is the "anointing" that John is talking about?

Read John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15 and discuss the role of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the Advocate and the Spirit of Truth, in remaining or abiding in the Father and the Son.

How would you describe the manner in which the Holy Spirit teaches you personally

4. If we have the Holy Spirit (v19-20, 27), why do we need teachers in the church? How might the anointing differ from the Holy Spirit's spiritual gift of teaching?

5. What does it mean to abide/remain/continue in Jesus? What are the characteristics of a Christian who "abides" in Jesus? What are the marks of someone who does not abide in Jesus?

Read John 15:4-9 for Jesus' teaching on abiding.