

1. What does the Bible mean by the last hour? Does thinking about the future make you feel scared, hopeful, or some other mix of emotions?
2. How do you think people would respond if we called someone an “antichrist” today? Why do you think John chose to use a word like this?
3. Is it elitist to think of some people as “of us” and others as “not of us?” Why do you think John wanted a clear division between the true church and the false churches?
4. Can a Christian lose their salvation? How does John’s claim that “if they had been of us, they would have continued with us” address that question?
5. What are some ways someone might deny the Son? Why would this affect our relationship with the Father?
6. What does it mean to abide in the Son? Are there certain people in your life that epitomize abiding in the Son for you?
7. John is likely using the term “anointed” with a degree of irony. Why would some common views of anointing conflict with John’s goal that we abide in Christ?
8. How does abiding in Christ now prepare us for his return?