



## Week 8 Study Guide

### Read the text: 1 John 2:18-29

*18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. 20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. 1 John 2:18-29*

### Study the Text

- Make some observations...what jumps out to you? What are key words/phrases that we need to understand? Any repeated words? Anything that at first glance doesn't make sense?
- How does this passage help us understand the reason for John writing this letter?
- What does John mean by "it is the last hour"? How do verses 28-29 help us better understand what John means?
- What does the Bible teach about Jesus' return? Why is it important for us to live in light of Jesus' imminent return? Acts 1:11, Acts 3:19-21, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Hebrews 9:28, James 5:7-9, 1 Peter 3:3-10, Revelation 22:20-21
- Read Matthew 24:5,24. How do Jesus' words shed light on these verses in 1 John?

- Considering these verses along with 1 John 4:3 and 2 John 7...Who are these antichrists? How do they relate to *the* antichrist? What do these antichrists believe and what are they seeking to do?
- What is this anointing that John is speaking of? How are all Christians anointed in this way? Look at Acts 2:38, Romans 8:9-11, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 1 Corinthians 6:19.
- What does verse 27 mean that “you have no need for someone to teach you”? Remember the context.
- A good question to ask of any text is: are there any commands to follow?
- What are some ways that we can apply this passage? Try to think of at least 3 specific ways.

#### **Prayer (Praise/Thanks-Confession-Requests)**

- Spend a few moments thanking God (especially for His Word and His Spirit)
- Spend a few moments in confession (especially the ways we neglect God’s Word)
- Spend a few minutes praying for each other (especially in our devotion to God’s Word and in standing firm in the truth)

#### **Mission**

We are a little over a month away from Easter. Consider who you can invite to one of our services. Begin praying for an opportunity and for the courage to invite that person. We have a team of people heading out this Saturday, March 16 into the community of Aberdeen (meeting at the stadium at 12:00).