THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

1 John 2:18-29

Those Who Left

:18-19

If the _____ reveals that someone did not have a genuine relationship with Christ, _____ and love them accordingly.

Have you known someone who appeared to have a relationship with Christ but now does not? How should we love that person?

:20:24

Hold on tight to the _____ clearly revealed in the Scriptures and reject any departure from that _____ no matter how appealing the ____ sounds.

What are some lies that are being told in our world that sound appealing but are contrary to the truth?

:25-29

Live your life right by abiding in _____, knowing His _____, depending upon His _____.

Why is the truth so important to know and live?

John is clear that not everyone who at one time claimed Christ truly belonged to Him. When someone walks away from Christ or trades Him for a Christ that looks more like the world, their life is giving us evidence to the truth about where they stand. So believe it and love them with a clear view of where they are with Christ. But for those of us whose light has been switched on, John says we are very different. We have been anointed with His Spirit, we know the truth, and we have the promise of eternal life. So let's hold tightly to that truth and walk in righteousness, while rejecting the appealing lies thrown at us. Let us each remain in Him, so that when we see Him, we won't draw back in shame but run to Him with confidence.