



I. Unchurched Believers

Key Truth: The Holy Spirit _____ Through _____

II. Warning Concerning Antichrists

1 John 2:26-29

v. 26-27

The One Who Abides In Us

v. 28-29

The One In Whom We Abide

Point: The _____ Is The _____ Of _____

III. Necessary Instruction

Acts 18:24-26

Point: We All _____ To Be _____

IV. Unreached Neighbors

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

People have many reasons for choosing not to be part of a local church. Many unbelievers cite a lack of conviction regarding the truth of the Bible, doubts about the existence of God, or allegiance to other worldviews or ideologies as reasons for not making time for church.

Believers who choose to forgo church participation, however, have no such excuse. When it comes to discipleship, the idea that one does not need to be taught by others because they have the Holy Spirit is a serious misrepresentation of Scripture. Ironically, such a belief serves as self-evident proof that the individual does need correction and biblical instruction.

The Holy Spirit works through teachers. While this is not His only means of action, influence, or guidance, it is an essential one. He is the source of the truth upon which all legitimate Christian teaching and preaching depend.

The motivation for both teaching and being taught God’s Word is rooted in our human need. We need to be instructed in the truth because we are sinners living in a world absolutely saturated with lies. At no point in life do we ever outgrow or transcend this need—the Bible calls us to be lifelong learners.

Take a moment to reflect: Am I truly submitting myself to the teaching of God’s Word through the local church? Have I allowed pride or self-sufficiency to keep me from being teachable? Do I view the presence of teachers in the church as a gift from the Holy Spirit—or as something optional?

Ask the Lord to help you remain humble and receptive to His truth. Pray for discernment to recognize sound biblical teaching and the courage to submit to it. Invite the Holy Spirit to sharpen your understanding and guard against deception so that you may grow in knowledge and grace.