

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **April 2, 2017** sermon, "Remain in the Son." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:22-27) together out loud.

WITH A LAST HOUR PERSPECTIVE . . .

1. **Be bold about confessing that Jesus is the Christ.** (22-23)
 - A. Those opposed to Jesus will explain away his deity:
 - i. They will say that there are other ways that one can be good enough.
 - ii. They will say that in Christ, all are saved (universalism).
 - B. Confess means "same word." Say the same thing about Jesus that he said:
 - i. Luke 4:21; Luke 7:20, 22; Matthew 16:15-17, 26:63-65; John 14:6, 10:30.
 - ii. Jesus is the one and only Promised One, the anointed One, the Messiah.
2. **Be unshaken in your commitment to the authority of the Word of God.** (24-25)
 - A. The message is old, but it is not archaic. It is ancient, but relevant.
 - B. If you want what they seem to have, those who have left will shake you.
 - C. Put your confidence in the Word you have received.
 - i. Study, meditate on and memorize the Scriptures.
 - ii. "Abide" there: Make your home there. Remain in fellowship.
 - D. Christ offers what you really want and need (and want): the promise, eternal life.
3. **Be committed to remain in Jesus Christ.** (26-27)
 - A. Do not allow those who have left to teach you anything about the Son or the Father.
 - B. "Anointing" refers to the role of the Holy Spirit in teaching us all of the Scriptures.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It is crucial that believers constantly confess the deity and exclusivity of Jesus Christ. He is the one and only fulfillment of the prophecies from God that he would send Messiah. Are you any active conversations right now with people about the identity of Jesus?
2. Based on #1, above: If we let them, those who have left Jesus (and the Scriptures) could cause fear, doubt or angst in the hearts of true believers. No matter who the denier is, the best thing you can do is contentedly and faithfully remain in the Son. How are you doing with that?
3. Based on #2, above: The authority in your life must be "the message you have from the beginning" which for us is the Scriptures. Do you spend time in studying, meditating on and memorizing the Word of God? Describe where you are with this discipline. How might God be calling you to improve?
4. Based on #3, above: The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to teach us "everything." This is a reference to the entirety of God's Word. How are you doing in this "anointing," namely, "learning all of the Scriptures"?