

WK 6 CG 1 John 2:18-28

Read 1 John 2:18-28 together

Context:

John warns believers about the presence of antichrists—those who oppose Christ and deceive others. He explains that the "last hour" has already begun, and many false believers have left the community, showing that they never truly belonged. However, John reassures true believers that they have the Holy Spirit, anointing them with the truth and guiding them away from deception.

He emphasizes that denying Jesus as the Christ is a key sign of false belief, and that true believers remain in the truth they have received from the beginning. John encourages them to continue abiding in Christ, with the promise of eternal life and confidence at His return. Ultimately, the presence of the Holy Spirit in believers ensures they can remain faithful and unashamed when Christ appears.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you been deceived by any partial truths or counterfeit teachings in the past? How did you recognize them, and how did you get back to the truth.
- 2. Knowing that "time is running out," how can you live with more urgency in your faith? What specific steps can you take to be more active in sharing the gospel with others?
- 3. How can you prepare yourself spiritually for Christ's return? Are there areas where you need to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
- 4. How are you intentionally allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you, guide you, and help you discern truth in your life?
- 5. How can you actively "remain in Him" (verse 24)? What spiritual practices (e.g., prayer, Bible study, fellowship) will help you stay grounded in Jesus?
- 6. What does it look like to live in a way that is confident and unashamed before Christ at His return? Are there areas of your life that need to change in light of this?
- 7. How can you encourage others in your small group to stay true to the gospel and not be deceived by false teachings?

