

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: WALKING BY SIGHT

**1 John 2:18-27, ESV** – <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. <sup>27</sup> 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.

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we were reminded to walk in wisdom, discernment, and remembering the truth we have. Why is it difficult to do these things?

2 A common theme in this passage is ‘abiding’? What does it mean to abide? What is John exhorting his readers to abide in?

3 How can we ‘test’ teachers to make sure that what they are teaching is of God and not of men?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **Acts 20:29-32, ESV** – <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**2 John 7-11, ESV** – <sup>7</sup> For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, <sup>11</sup> for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

4 Where do many deceivers and antichrists choose to attack the church? Can the enemies from within cause as much damage to a church as the enemies without? Explain.

5 Looking at Acts 20:29-32, what can we learn by Paul’s example of ministry and how can we apply it to our lives today?

6 What does John mean by, “has both the Father and the Son”? How is this a contrast to what false teachers may say?

**B** **John 14:15-17, 26, ESV** – <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV** – <sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

7 According to the passages above, what is the Holy Spirit's role in our lives?

8 What does Paul mean by, "God has anointed us"? Why has He anointed us?

9 What is the connection between love and keeping His commandments? How does this help a believer to discern false teachers and not follow them?

## TAKING IT HOME

Walking by sight involves being grounded in the teachings of Scripture and abiding in Christ through the Holy Spirit. How are you doing in these areas? What is one thing you could do this week to improve walking by sight? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you strive to walk by sight.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 24:5

John 14:23

2 Peter 3:3

Jude 18