

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on
Sunday, March 8, 2020

**Sure Thing: Testing the Genuineness
of Your Relationship with God**

Genuine Difference
1 John 2:18-27

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

personal study questions

Read: 1 John 2:18-27

LOOK

What name does John give the present time (2:18a)? What reason does John give to justify the use of such a phrase (2:18b)?

What reason does John give that some people went 'out' (2:19b)?

What two realities does John consider true of His audience (2:20)? What reason does John give for writing this church (2:21)?

What does John call those who deny that Jesus is the Christ (2:22-23)? When one denies the Christ, who else does he deny (2:23)? When one confesses the Son, who else do they have (2:23)?

What are two commands John gives in this passage (2:24, 27)?

What is true of those who let what they heard 'abide in them' (2:24)?

What promise did God make (2:25)?

About what concern is John writing these things (2:26)?

THINK

What does John mean by 'the last hour' (2:18)?

What does the term 'antichrist' mean, and to what occasion is John referring where the anti-christ's coming was foretold (2:18)?

What does it mean to have been 'anointed by the Holy One' (2:20); and how does His anointing teach (2:27)? What does John mean that they 'have no need that anyone should teach' them (2:27)?

What kind of knowledge is John claiming that these believers possess (2:20)?

How does one 'let' what they heard 'abide in' them; and what does it mean to 'abide in the Son and in the Father' (2:24)?

DO

GET READY: "...IT IS THE LAST HOUR..." (2:18-19): What are some worldly lies against which you will need to defend the Gospel? What has caused others to fall away from Christ's body (the church)? How can you better prepare for these certain challenges?

TAKE COMFORT: "...YOU ALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE." (2:20-23): How do false teachers try to lure people away from the Scriptures? How do you know you've received the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit 'teach' you? Do you believe that Jesus is God and the one chosen to save you? Does your life show it?

SIT TIGHT: "...JUST AS IT HAS TAUGHT YOU, ABIDE IN HIM." (2:24-27): Do you consistently submit yourself to God's Word? In what ways can you more fully commit yourself to Christ?

Memorize John 10:28-30 (ESV) — 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."