



Series How Can You Be Sure?

Passage 1 John 2:21-29

Title Abiding Simply in Jesus

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Discussion Starter – What role do we have in abiding simply in Jesus?

False Teachers in the World (1 John 2:21-23)

- What is John trying to get readers to look at in verse 2:21 by telling them that they already know the truth? What significance does this have for us as we read this passage today?
- Read 1 John 2:22-23. What truths does John share that allow us to identify the true teachers of God's word from the counterfeit or antichrist teachers? Read Proverbs 30:1-9. Discuss what you see revealed in these verses and how they apply to the truths declared in 1 John 2:23.

Abiding in Christ (1 John 2:24-29)

- In 1 John 2:24, John tells the reader to let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. We learned that this means to simply abide in Jesus' gospel. Describe in your own words how you would articulate the contents of this gospel to yourself or to others who may not know Jesus.
- What are some of the things that can get in your way of simply abiding in Jesus' gospel as you go about your weekly schedule? What are some ways you find that help get you back on track in abiding in the simplicity of Jesus' gospel?
- If we abide in Jesus' gospel, we see that we automatically are abiding in the Son and the Father. Explain how these two things are connected. Read John 14:6-10. Discuss the additional insights you have gleaned about abiding.
- Explain the method, meaning and purpose for the promise of eternal life that John speaks of in verse 24. Read John 6:27 and 7:37-38. What are some of the evidences seen in a life of one who is truly abiding in Christ?
- What are some of the false teachings or deceptions from other religions mentioned in verse 26 that you know of that speak on the subject of eternal life? How do they try to deceive their listeners?
- 1 John 2:27 says that we are anointed with the Holy Spirit who abides in us and that we do not need anyone to teach us. Why then is it necessary to go to church and listen to teachers of God's Word? What do you think John was trying to convey to us in this instruction?
- Read John 16:12-14. Discuss what you learn about how the Holy Spirit teaches us the things we need to know.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:14-15. What is the role of the teachers that God raises up and what are their qualifications?
- Read 1 John 2:28-29. Explain what confidence, as it is described in these verses, looks like in the life of a true and abiding child of God.