

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **March 26, 2017** sermon, "The Last Hour." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:18-21) together out loud.

WITH A LAST HOUR PERSPECTIVE, NOTE . . .

1. **The antichrist(s) explained.** (18)
  - A. John appeals to "children," or "those who are under authority."
  - B. This "Last Hour" is the time prior to Christ's return (we are still in this last hour). Note that God is the master of the clock.
  - C. Satan has always been, and will continue to be at work producing an evil powerless antichrist "line," or offspring. These antichrists will lead many astray.
2. **The apostasies exposed.** (19)
  - A. Apostasy is the abandonment of the faith that one has professed, and it is not the abandonment of a faith that one has truly possessed.
  - B. Jesus had Judas, who appeared to have faith but went out from them (John 6:66).
  - C. The messier life becomes, the more difficult it is to determine who is "with us," and who is truly "of us." Many will go out from us, leaving Christ and his Word.
3. **The anointing experienced.** (20)
  - A. Those who are anointed are those who are truly in Christ.
  - B. The characteristic of one who is anointed is that they know and remain in the truth.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Those who belong to God are "little children," which we learned means, "those under authority." In what way are believers under authority when it comes to doctrine (what we believe) and ethics (how they behave)?
2. Based on #1, above: Satan's most effective tactic seems to be to get teachers into the public eye, gather a following around them, and then cause them to turn away from the truth in subtle ways. How have you seen this happen? How is this becoming a more and more dangerous tactic? (The advent of the Internet, self-publishing and "teachers" who do not pastor.)
3. Based on #2, above: The messier life becomes, the harder it is to determine who is on which "team." And life is messier than ever. Discuss this idea of coming to grips emotionally with one who went out "from us" and is no longer "of us."
4. Based on #3, above: Those anointed, will recognize the deceptions and lies of the evil one and his evil line. Discuss the security and assurance that comes with this principle.
5. Based on #3, above: Discuss the ways in which "the anointed ones" must be careful not to overreact. For instance, those "of us" can hold different views on the end times or baptism (or politics), but not on the lordship of Jesus Christ.