

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **1 John Series**

Sermon Title: **False Teachers on the Loose**

Scripture Passage: **1 John 4:1-9**

Getting Started Sharing from personal experience

1. Have you ever purchased something without first testing it or trying it out and regretted it? See if you can think of a time this happened to you and tell us about it. But, everyone in your group has to promise they will laugh *with* you—not *at* you!

Observation Discovering the context

2. Has anyone in your group ever been involved with a religious cult organization? Do you know someone who was? If so, what made the cult organization so appealing and why did it seem so harmless at first?
3. In general, why do you think cult religious groups attract so many people who, for the most part, are normal, intelligent, reasonable people?
4. In Matthew 24:23-25, Jesus warns us that false Christ's can be so believable that, if possible, they may even deceive the "elect." How would you explain the term "the elect" to a new follower of Jesus? Why do you think Jesus used the term "the elect" instead of just saying "The Christians" or "The believers?"

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

5. What biblical truth about the person and nature of Jesus Christ is shared in the following scriptures? John 1:14; 2 John 1:7; Romans 8:3; Philippians 2:5-8.

6. 1 John 4:3 tells us that, “every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.” What popular religions today do not confess the name of Jesus in a way that aligns with biblical truth about Him? Do a little research to find out what their false teaching is about the nature of Jesus.

7. Who is the “lawless one” referred to in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 and why is he so important in the study of the end times?

8. Find at least three other passages of scripture in the Bible that refer to the anti-Christ who will rise to global power and authority in the last days.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

9. In your own words, how and why do you know that you will never be deceived by any false teachers or anti-Christ?

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: “Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?