



Where's Your Allegiance? Participant Guide – June 28, 2020

¹⁸ Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. ²¹ I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. ²² Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is what he promised us—eternal life. ²⁶ I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. ²⁷ As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him. (1 John 2:18-27 NIV)

ICE BREAKER

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “antichrist?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) John opens up this passage with the phrase “It is the last hour.” What does John mean by this? Why is this important?
- 2) On Sunday, Andrew shared the three descriptions of antichrists John gives in this passage. What were they? What are some ways we’ve seen these play out within the “big C” Church and the local church?
- 3) Has there ever been a time that even though you profess faith in Christ that you’ve been a “practicing antichrist?” What did this look like in your life? How can your group support you here as you follow Jesus?
- 4) Andrew summarized John’s description of Jesus followers with three characteristics. What were they? How are you pursuing to grow in each of these areas?
- 5) We discussed on Sunday that knowledge by itself isn’t deep. Obedience to the Word of God and the knowledge the Holy Spirit gives us from it is what is deep. How have you seen yourself drift towards knowledge and not obedience? Where is God calling you to be obedient?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1) Where do you need to begin obeying God's commands? Loving others? Confessing, repenting, repeating? How can your group pray for/support you?

2) What can you do this week to focus on remaining in Jesus so that you are filled with the Holy Spirit?