



Life Group Discussion Guide

September 14, 2025 – 1 John 2:18-27

God is Light – Jesus is Christ

Icebreaker:

For the brave and/or nefarious, share about a time growing up that you (or a “friend,” wink wink) got away with something; maybe your parents still don’t know about it.

Discussion Questions:

Text

1. Ask someone to read **1 John 2:18-27** aloud. We suggest breaking the text into two portions.
 - What stands out to you from this text?
 - What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

Understand the Times

2. Last days are marked by hardship. What else are the last days marked by?
 - a. Holy Spirit being poured out
 - b. Spiritual struggle
 - c. Opposition (scoffers)
 - d. Antichrists (those who deny Jesus as Christ)
3. Share examples of each in your faith experience if you have them.

Understand the Tension

4. The sermon mentioned false teachers “de-goding” Jesus—reducing Him to less than the Christ. Where did these false teachers come from? What lessons can we learn from this?
5. What modern examples of a “Christless gospel” have you seen in culture, churches, or conversations?
6. Why is it especially painful or challenging when false teaching comes from “inside the church” rather than from obvious outside opponents?

Turning Away

7. What were the purposes of the false teaching that was so common then and still appears at times today – that all material is evil and the spiritual is good?
 - a. To prevent God from having a direct association with the flesh
 - b. To provide a way around the difficulties of bodily desires
 - c. To explain why the physical is so often a source of pain
8. Explain the consequences of this false teaching. What implications does removing humanity from the Son, Jesus, have on our faith?
9. The sermon stated that we should not value crowds over Christ. What type of person would fit the description of a “crowd member” vs a “disciple”?

Truth Made Known

10. Many areas of life can benefit from special knowledge – finances, career opportunity, relationships, even car shopping! How is the Gospel different?
11. The sermon concluded with Michael Foster’s observation about the “awakening → obsession → burnout → disillusionment” pattern. Have you gone through this yourself or witnessed it in others? How can our Life Group help stop this pattern from repeating?