

BElove(D)

A STUDY OF 1 JOHN

Week 3

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

WARMING UP...

Share about a moment in life (or a season in life) when you felt like everyone was watching and you didn't have a "script" for how to do what was being asked of you.

What experience did you draw on?

Did you have any knowledge that helped you out?

Were there key people you'd see in a similar situation that came to mind in that moment?

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING

CONFIDENTIALITY — LISTEN — PAUSE — SILENCE — NO "CROSS TALK"

NO FIXING — NO RESCUING — SHARING — SELF-AWARE — "I" STATEMENTS — FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

LINK TO SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

In the message Sunday, we were reminded that we live in the "last hour" — the age of the church. In these days, we have a choice about how we will live in response to the message of Jesus. There were some in the house church network (to whom John wrote his first letter) who had abandoned Jesus. Others were staying faithful and remaining connected to Him and to each other.

>Read 1 John 2:18-27

DISCUSS

- 1) What name did John give those who were denying Christ? (answer: antichrist) Discuss how that name is tied to other words John used in the text (ie., Christ & anointed).
- 2) In the sermon, three descriptions were given for how to *BE Faithful*. a) 1 John 2:22-23 contrasts a negative and positive response to Christ. Name them. b) 1 John 2:24 and 2:27 describe two ways that Christians can be faithful together. What are they? c) John describes "*anointing*" throughout this passage. Because of the anointing of God's Spirit, we know we are called to take the message of Jesus to _____ people. (answer: "all" people)

CLOSING

- 1) What is going to change for you in response to what you've learned and discussed in this small group?
- 2) How can we be praying for you this week? (close in prayer together)