

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

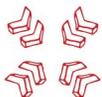
That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



Date: March 31, 2019

Scripture: 1 John 2:18-27

Series: Living in the Light

1 John Overview:

Author and Date: John the Apostle, one of the original 12 disciples and known as the "Apostle of Love."

Written between 60-90 A.D.

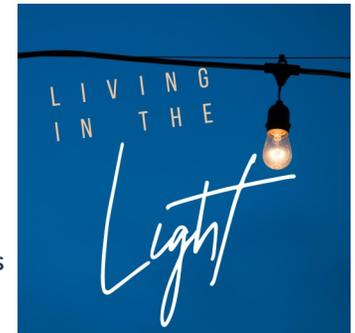
First readers and their location: Christians in Ephesus and Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).

Ephesus the city: Ephesus had a population of around 300,000, was a leading trade centre in the Roman Empire, and was the centre of worship for the pagan goddess Diana.

Why was it written?: 1 John was written primarily to combat false teaching that had shown up in the church. False teachers were denying that Jesus had a real physical body and was fully human. They were also denying that Jesus was the Messiah. These teachings lead to believers minimizing the seriousness of sin. John wrote to correct these lies.

Open-up

Have you had conversations with others about the person of Jesus where there either was denial or complete rejection that Jesus could possibly be the Christ? How did you deal with it? Sometimes, these conversations are with those you love. Sometimes, these conversations are with others who maintain they are just like you (eg. Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses) BUT...have think differently about Jesus. For many, it is difficult to comprehend how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine. How do you respond? How do you respond to those within the church who may reject Jesus as THE Christ?





Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”

Read: 1 John 2:18-27

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

The word antichrist only appears in 1 and 2 John. From the passages, what is an antichrist? (1 John 2:18, 22, 4:3; 2 John 7)

Who is the Holy One mentioned by John? What do these passages reveal about the Holy One? (See: Luke 4:1; Acts 4:8; 4:31; 7:55; 2 Tim 1:14; 2 Peter 1:21)

What does John encourage his readers to do in response to false teachers?



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

The problem: Verses 21-23 – some who have been a part of the church were denying that Jesus is THE Christ which raises certain questions. Were these people truly believers to begin with? If they were but are not now, how does one understand perseverance and/or eternal security?

Why is the “incarnation” (God coming in the flesh) vitally important? What difference does it make? Read John 1:1-18, 14:1-14. Discuss practical implications of the incarnation for your life.

If 1 John 2:18-27 serves as a warning for the church, how might you apply this in your life? Your Life Group? Westwood Church?

If we share the same Spirit (Holy One) as Jesus, what encouragement can that be to you this week?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

How do you need to fix your eyes on Jesus in this coming week? Pray for each other from your answer.