





1. What are some ways in which our world thinks of Jesus?

Read verses 15-17

2. Is John's use of the word 'world' positive or negative? And how does this differ from how he uses the word in 2:2?

3. What do you think 'the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life' are? Why are these things so attractive and hard to resist?

4. What should we keep in mind when being attracted to the 'world'?

Read verses 18-27

5. What is meant by the 'last hour'? And what will mark out this time?

6. What is the 'antichrist' and what are their characteristics? In contrast, what are the characteristics of the 'dear children'?

7. To whom or what does the phrase 'the anointing' refer?

Apply

(Answer all these questions personally, but as a group choose one or two to focus on.)

8. The hallmark of someone indwelt by the Spirit of God, according to this passage, is that they remain in God. How will we remain in Him?

9. Who would qualify as an 'antichrist' today? How can we tell?

10. What are some of the ways in which false teaching manifests today?

11. What resources do believers have to withstand false teaching?

12. "Jesus is one way. But there's many ways to God." In the light of this passage how would you respond to such a comment?

