

LIGHT & LOVE

WEEK 3: STAY IN THE LIGHT

Warm up question:

- Have you ever needed to defend your faith in Jesus? What did you say / wish you said?

Read 1 John 2:18-29

1. Why do you think John continues to refer to the readers of his letter as 'children' or 'little children'?
2. Why might John be suggesting that this is 'the last hour' (vs 18)? What do you remember about the setting in which John is writing?
3. The word 'antichrist' is used a number of times in this passage. Go through and underline each reference. According to these verses, who or what is the 'antichrist'?
4. What does verse 21 tell us about John's readers and what they know about Jesus?
5. What do verses 22-23 tell us about their belief in God and who Jesus is?
6. In verse 25, what does John say is the promise that Jesus has made to us?
7. How does John remind us to remain steadfast against deceivers?
8. How does abiding in Jesus increase our confidence and stop us from shrinking in shame (vs 28)?
9. What does it mean for Jesus to be righteous? How do we become righteous?
10. Many people argue against Jesus being the 'Christ', our Saviour. What helps give you confidence to stand firm (and loving) when faced with this argument?

Rubber hits the road:

- Reflect on your walk to abide in Jesus last week. How do you think you went? Continue to spend time intentionally seeking to build the habit of abiding in Jesus.
- Memory Verse!
Write down **1 John 2:28** and place it somewhere you'll see it every day.
Memorise this verse and saying it to yourself every day.
As you do this, remind yourself of its truth – you have every reason to be confident in your faith!

PRAYER

God of all truth, thank you for revealing yourself to us. Please help us to grasp your Good News and may it settle deep in our hearts and minds as we abide in you – so that we may stand in confidence and not be ashamed. Keep our eyes fixed firmly on you this coming week. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

