

Sermon Discussion - 12 February 2023

Read 1 John 2:18-29 together.

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

When you hear the word counterfeit what comes to your mind? Money? Politicians? Have you ever been the victim of someone who represented themselves as honest and the real deal only to find out that they were anything but that? Share a situation from your life experience and how it made you feel.

Observation *Discovering the context*

- Read Galatians 1:6-7. There are several kinds of counterfeit gospels being taught today. Can you name some of them and the effect they are having on the church?
- How would you be able to recognize a false teacher? Use scripture to support your response.

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

1. What do you think John meant when he described today's time period in history as the last hour? (2:18). Is John referring to the end times referred to in Revelation 1:1-2 or something different? (Hint: Hebrews 1:1-2)
2. How does John describe the "antichrist?"
3. Many theologians and churches teach that a person who has been saved can lose their salvation and use 1 John 2:19 where John talks about people in the church who went out from us as support. Why is this interpretation of what John wrote an incorrect interpretation?
4. Have you ever had an experience where you had to leave a church or group because the teaching was in error? What was that experience like and what did you learn from it that you can pass on to the others in your group?

Application *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

- Try memorising 1 John 2:24-25.
“Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us- eternal life.”

- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?