Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, for September 27th, 2026
"A Journey through the Book of 1st John"
"Beware of the Antichrists"

Sermon Text: **1 John 2:18-29;** Old Testament Text: **Psalm 139:23-24;** New Testament Text: Read **Mark 12:28-31**, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **1 John 2:18.** What does John mean by the term ***the last hour?***

2. Who is the antichrist?

3. What's the difference between ***the antichrist*** & ***many antichrists?***

4. Read **1 John 2:19.** What is John saying in this verse?

5. Read **1 John 2:20.** What does John mean when he says, ***you have been anointed by the Holy One?***

6. Why is John so concerned believers would understand that ***we all have knowledge?***

7. Read **1 John 2:21.** As believers, why is John confident ***that we, and his readers, know the truth?***

8. Read **1 John 2:22.** According to this verse, list 2 characteristics that clearly identify those who are ***antichrists.***

9. Read **1 John 2:23.** What is essential in ***knowing the Father?***

10. Read **1 John 2:24.** What must we ***abide in*** if we are to ***abide in the Son and in the Father?***

11. Read **1 John 2:25.** What has the Father promised to those who ***trust in His Son?***

12. Read **1 John 2:26-27.** Why is a true believer in Christ not dependent on anyone to teach him or her?

13. Read **1 John 2:28.** What does it mean to you ***to abide in him?***

14. Read **1 John 2:29.** How will we be able to tell those ***who have been born of Christ?***

15. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 139:23-24** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
   1. What is King David asking God to do in these two verses?
   2. Why does he understand that only God can give him this knowledge?
   3. What is it about us that makes us incapable of fully understanding our own sinfulness?
   4. What is David worried might happen to him if God doesn't ***reveal any grievous ways in him***?

II. Next read **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions.
   1. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:1-2.** What is the Apostle Paul trying to avert by writing this passage to the Thessalonians?
   2. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:3.** What significant event prophesied in the book of Daniel must take place before Jesus Christ returns?
   3. To gain a better understanding of this passage, please read aloud **Daniel 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; and Revelation 13:5,6.** According to Daniel & John in Revelation, how long will this time of lawlessness last?
   4. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:4.** According to this verse, what is the ultimate sacrilege the man of lawlessness will perform before being dealt with by God?
   5. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:5.** What does Paul ask the Thessalonians to remember in this verse?
   6. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:6.** What is currently holding the man of lawlessness at bay?
   7. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:7.** What event will eventually remove ***"the one who holds it back"*** from the earth?
   8. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:8.** According to this passage what will eventually happen to the ***man of lawlessness?***
   9. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10.** What kinds of deceptions will Satan perform at this time?
   10. What is it that will prevent most people from being saved in the end times?
   11. Read **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12.** Why would God ***delude people into believing a lie?***
   12. What is God seeking to ensure by this action?

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