



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 20, 2023

1. Read 1 John 2:18-27. Pastor Ryan explained that since the time of Jesus' arrival, both John's readers and all of us today are living in the "...last days"-- in other words, the final chapter of human history. In this season, false teaching and spiritual error is abundant. When John says that false teachers "...went out from us" what can we conclude about those people from verse 19?
2. According to verse 20, who has been given to help you understand truth, receive truth, and continue in the truth? Who is this Holy One? (See also John 14:16-17). Where does He reside?
3. Can someone be a Christian and deny that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior? Explain your answer in view of verses 22-23.
4. If someone rejects Jesus as the divine Son of God, why is this also a rejection of God the Father? (See also John 10:25-30). What did God Himself say about Jesus in Matthew 3:17?
5. Look closely at verse 24. What key action step can you take to ensure that you aren't drawn away by 21st century false teachers or spiritual influencers who promote error? What does "abiding" look like in real life? Give some examples.
6. According to verse 25, what does any person stand to lose who turns aside from the truth of salvation in Jesus alone?
7. Pastor Ryan encouraged us to use "**The JESUS Checklist**" regarding any ministry, teacher, book, video, program, podcast, or product. Read this checklist together. Why are each of these points so critically important?
 - ***Do they believe that Jesus is the Son of God? (truly human and truly divine)***
 - ***Do they believe that Jesus is the Savior sent to rescue us from sin?***
 - ***Do they boldly proclaim the gospel message about Jesus?***
 - ***Do they gladly affirm all the teachings of Jesus?***
 - ***Do they consistently model the righteous lifestyle of Jesus?***