

1 JOHN 2:12-27

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. Who does John say he is writing to in vs. 12, 13, 14?
2. What does he write to them about (12-14; 21, 26)?
3. What are we told about the "evil one"?
4. What is said about the world, the love of the world?
5. What are we told about antichrist/antichrists?
6. What are we told about denying and confessing the Son?
7. What promise is made to us?
8. What are we told about anointing?
9. What are we told about abiding?
10. What other observations did you make?

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Who are the "little children", "fathers", "young men"?
2. Who is the evil one? How is he overcome?
3. Define world (v. 15-17)? What does it mean to love the world? What does he mean that the "world is passing away"?
4. What is the "last hour"? What time frame does John place the last hour?
5. Who is the antichrist, antichrists? Place a time frame upon their appearance.
6. Who is the "they" in verse 19?
7. What is the anointing from the Holy One (vs. 20 & 27)?
8. If verse 27 is true, why do we still teach? What is verse 27 saying?

APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. Would you categorize yourself as a child, young man or father in John's paradigm? Why?
2. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the boastful pride of life: Which best describes you?
3. What is God's will for you?
4. Tell the group about your "anointing"?

ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, become more like Jesus. It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.