



DISCUSS

1 John 2:12-14. **In verse 12, whom is John addressing? Why does he call them “little children”?**

In verses 13-14, what did Tony say these groups represented?

Does John’s commendation of “young” believers change the way you might think about a new Christian? How?

According to Tony, what did the position of “fatherhood” addressed in verses 12-14 indicate?

1 John 2:15-17. **What is the one requirement that John lays out for growing toward maturity?**

How did Tony define “the world” or “worldliness”?

In your everyday life, what areas would you say “the world” carries influence?

Have you experienced a weakened relationship with God thanks to the influence of the world? How? Where?

Why would not loving the world be key to our ability to disciple new believers?

1 John 2:18-27. **How did Tony describe these “antichrists”? What’s the goal of antichrists? How do they accomplish that goal?**

HANDOUT

Session 2: 1 John 2:12-27



What test does John lay out for determining the validity of someone's claims?

What other ideas or philosophies out there ultimately deny Christ and our need for Him to save us from sin?

In your experience, how has the Holy Spirit helped you to discern the truth?

What worldly teachers compete with God's voice in your life?

How might (or how has) the Holy Spirit combatted the worldly ideas that compete with God's truth in your life?

1 John 2:27. **What does John challenge his readers to do? How did Tony illustrate abiding?**

What does abiding look like for you? What disciplines have you or could you add to your life to encourage steeping in the Spirit?

LIVE IT OUT

Pause: Take ten minutes this week to stop what you're doing, find a quiet place, and focus on the God who redeemed you. Practice abiding in His love and compassion for you.

Connect: Identify a worldly temptation in your life that you feel pulls you away from God. Connect with a fellow believer and ask him or her to pray with you on that temptation.

Memorize: Commit 1 John 2:15 to memory. Write it on a sticky note or a card and keep it where you can see it and reflect on the importance of resisting the self-centered temptations of the world.

Pray: Two times this week, pray and ask God to speak loudly to you through His Holy Spirit. Then take a few minutes to just listen.

Write: Keep track of the various instances where you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Write down what you felt He was saying, and how you responded.