

Discussion Guide: June 28th, 2026

Series: No Doubt: Finding Confidence in the Truth of Jesus.

Message: Confidence in the Holy Spirit

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Take Home Truth: When others speak lies about Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help you abide in what is true.

Focus Passages:

1 John 2:18-27 (ESV)

18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. 20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 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. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)

6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

John 16:8-11 (ESV)

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Romans 8:14-16

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Discussion Questions

1. Think about your family or friends who would not consider themselves to be Christians. Who would they say Jesus was/is and what is their view of the afterlife/way to salvation?
2. Why is it important that true believers in Jesus **“Expect Others To Speak Lies About Jesus And Be Prepared To Address Those Lies”**?
3. The message highlighted a number of false / “antichrist” teachings about who Jesus is. In what ways do you feel the most and the least equipped to address those lies? Who might God be asking you to have a conversation about Jesus with this week who currently views Jesus differently than what the Bible teaches?
4. John was writing to a group of churches who were seeing people from their church leave as they embraced false teachings about Jesus. John responded by saying that those who left the church were never true believers in the first place. He said this because he was confident and wanted his reader to be confident that **“The Holy Spirit will help you abide in what is true”** if you are a true believer.
 - What are some of the doubts or questions you have that challenge your faith in Jesus?
 - How does knowing that the Holy Spirit has sealed you for salvation and permanently adopted you into God’s family give you confidence in the face of these doubts and questions?
5. John tells his readers to let the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ abide in them, that the Holy Spirit (aka the anointing of the Holy One(Jesus)) abides in them, and that they are to abide in Jesus. What are some ways this week that you need to abide in the Gospel, in the truth that the Holy Spirit gives, and in Jesus?

Time of Prayer:

Father, thank you that in the face of false teachings about Jesus, you have given us your Holy Spirit to teach our spirit what is true about us, Jesus, and our relationship with you. Protect our church family from false teachings. Help us to be on guard against the lies of the evil one. Give us humble boldness to share the truth of who Jesus is and what he came to do with those who do not yet know and follow Him as their Lord and Savior. Help us to live a life of joyful confidence in you as we abide in you and these truths this week. - Amen.