



Discussion Questions for *Intro to 1 John 2:18-29 "Who is the Antichrist?"*  
Week of July 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up** The theme of “eternal life” is seen throughout 1 John. What image comes to mind when you think of Heaven? Is your picture of Heaven more ethereal or concrete? What do you think shaped this image most?

- According to **1 John 2:18-29** what is the great assertion of faith that sets a true Christian apart from a false one?
  
- Why is it easier to describe false teachers than to identify them?
  
- What is the distinction between the “Antichrist” and “many antichrists” that John refers to in **v.2:18**? Discuss your thoughts in light of what Jesus says in about this in **Matthew 24:23-25**.
  
- What is John saying in **1 John 2:19**? How does this relate to what Jesus taught in the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares in **Matthew 13:36-43**? (This parable is explained by Jesus in **13:36-43**).
  
- Rick closed on Sunday with a strong exhortation to BE REAL about life! Since there are those out there who are trying to deceive you and those you love most, consider the following:
  - The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. *Is it sharpened and ready to use in your life?*
  - We are living in the “end times”. *Are you ready?*
  - The world is NOT a playground. It’s a battlefield. *Do you feel equipped for this war?*

**Wrap Up:** If you have children, spend the bulk of your prayer time lifting up your children to the LORD. If you do not have children, perhaps you could pray for the lives of little ones that you know and love?