

WEEK 3 | 1 JOHN 2:20-27; 4:1-6 | THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. What is one question from the Personal Bible Study you'd like to share?
2. What was something that stood out to you the most or a question you may have from the teaching time tonight?
3. In the face of false teachers, John instructs these believers to 1) hold on to the message they had heard from the beginning, and 2) depend on the Holy Spirit to be their guide. When we look for wisdom today we can go to God's Word and also seek direction from the Holy Spirit. Which of those is the most natural for you to do? Do you think we tend to do one at the expense of the other?
4. Anointing was sometimes done to set someone apart for a special, sacred purpose. Prophets, priests, and kings were anointed to their positions. Jesus said He was anointed to preach good news. Have you ever considered that God has anointed you (set you apart) for a specific purpose? If so, what?
5. John wrote that "the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Can you identify specific times in your life when you need to be reminded that the Spirit of God lives in you and He is greater than those who would oppose you?
6. Paul wrote in Galatians 5 that the Spirit works in us to produce good fruit in the form of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Can you identify one of those qualities that you have seen increase in your life as a Christian? Can you identify one that you know you need more of?