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2 John 7-13 (ESV)

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. The children of your elect sister greet you.

Sermon Outline

- I. Watch Yourself (7-9)
 - II. Do Not Receive or Greet False Teachers (10-11)
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Life Group Leader Notes:



Group Discussion Questions

•Pastor Scott began with a biblical job description for pastors (see Acts 20). They are primarily shepherds, which means that they lead, feed, and protect the flock. Is this how you think about the pastor's job? How is this often confused in the 21st Century?

•Once again, John warned his flock against false teachers & antichrists. This is a problem in our own world.

-Some deny the essential **deity of Christ**. Where do you see this teaching in our world? Where would you defend the deity of Christ in the Bible?

-Some deny the essential **humanity of Christ**. Where do you see this teaching in our world? Where would you defend the humanity of Christ in the Bible?

-Some deny the **necessity of Christ's substitutionary atonement**. Where do you see this teaching in our world? (50% of "evangelicals" believe there are other ways to heaven). Where would you defend the importance of Christ's sacrifice in the Bible?

•2 John 9 says that some have *gone on ahead* of the teaching of Christ. Pastor Scott connected this to progressive Christianity, which has had a major influence in the church. What are the threats of progressive Christianity today? (For instance, are any doctrines out of date in our current society? Hell? Sin?) Do you feel particularly drawn to progressive Christianity? What would eventually happen to a "progressive church" that *goes on ahead* of the sound biblical proclamation of Christ alone? (What is it progressing to?) How can we guard against the threat of progressive Christianity?

•John gave some difficult instructions to this church: do not welcome or even greet false teachers - do not support or endorse their message. Do not give them a place, platform or hearing. What does this look like practically in our context? Were you led to any action after this warning?

•Was this warning difficult to hear? Perhaps it would be worth exploring why this might be difficult for us to hear. Pastor Scott closed with a quote from John Stott, who suggested our aversion to John's warning might be because we value tolerance over truth. Which is truly more important to us?

