

## **Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups**

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*Truth in Transient Times*

1 John 2:12–14

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### **CONNECT:**

- People tend to vary as to how they handle changes. How do you handle change, especially when it comes quickly?

### **GROW:**

- Read 1 John 2:12–14. What things do you notice about this text that appear different than the text before and after it?
- While John starts his letter quite “fast and furiously,” not even including a greeting, in our text today, he hits the “pause” button. What effect does it have on the reader when he does this? How does it help the reader focus on what he is saying, and why is that important? What terms of endearment does he use in our text today? How does that help us understand John’s purpose in writing his letter?
- What message does John give to the church as the church thinks about ways they are like children (see also Heb. 8:12; Psalm 103:12; John 1:18; John 14:8–10)? How does that encourage you specifically?
- What message does John give to the church as the church thinks about ways they are like fathers (review Deut. 6:4–7; John 1:1–5, 14)? How does that encourage you specifically?
- What message does John give to the church as the church thinks about ways they are like young men (Eph. 6:10–11; James 4:7)? How does that encourage you specifically?
- How do each of these messages help you when things change and shift around you, often in ways that may be unsettling?

### **GO:**

- If you were to summarize from this text who you are and share that with another person, how would you summarize the awesome truths in a way that is winsome?