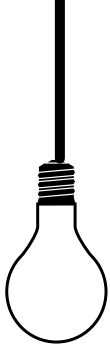




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THE SPIRIT TEST

1 John 4:1-6

“every spirit that
acknowledges that Jesus
Christ has come in the
flesh is from God”



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Starter

1. What are some ways in which our world thinks of a spiritual person?



Read verses 1-6

2. In what different ways does John use the word 'spirit'?

3. Why are believers to be discerning and to 'test the spirits'?

4. What criteria are believers to use to test what they hear?

5. What characterises the message of the false prophets? How does their message align with the viewpoint of the world?

6. What comfort is there for believers who feel overwhelmed or perplexed by false claims?

7. Who are the ones 'from God' in verse 6?



Apply

(Answer all these questions personally, but as a group choose one or two to focus on.)

8. How should we assess our culture's renewed interest in spirituality? How might we best respond to whatever is the latest 'spiritual' fad?

9. What are some ways in which our world/culture views the person and work of Jesus Christ?

10. What is our culture's current viewpoint on the Apostolic gospel and New Testament Scriptures?

11. In what ways are believers tempted to compromise with the world's viewpoint?



Prayer Notes