



LIFE GROUP WEEKLY QUESTIONS

April 28, 2024

Holy Spirit or Hamburger Helper?

1 John 4:1-6

Ice Breaker:

When was a time you got caught in a lie? How did that go?

READ: 1 John 4:1-6

1. What does it mean to test the spirits? How do you practice discernment between truth and deception? What kinds of questions do you ask to determine truth or falsehoods?

2. Reflect on the contrast between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. How can we remain rooted in the truth and avoid being led astray by falsehood?

3. How does acknowledging Jesus Christ's incarnation serve as a key test for discerning the Spirit of God? How does declaring this truth impact our beliefs and interactions with others?

4. God is greater than the spirits of this world (v 4). How does this assurance provide confidence and strength in our daily lives?

5. How can we recognize those who speak from God and those who speak from the world? Which are the loudest voices? From media? Scripture? Other people? Entertainment? Politics?

6. Reflect on your own ability to discern truth from error in your spiritual journey. Are there areas where you need growth?

7. What helps you avoid the extremes of either being close-minded to any new insights and being so open-minded that you devour anything?

Spiritual Rhythm Challenge

Take a moment this week to ask a trusted friend or family member to help you discern truths and falsehoods you encounter in your daily life. Pray for the Holy Spirit's direction and clarity.

Pray for each other.



SERMON NOTES

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How can we tell spiritual truth from error?

1. The Jesus test v.1-3
2. Jesus is greater v.4
3. The listening test v.5-6

Next Steps

- As you sit down to watch your favorite entertainment movie or show this week; take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. On the left side write “God’s values”. On the right side write “World’s values”. As the show presents ideas and values; have your friends/family decide which side those values should be written down. (warning: Laugh tracks can often cause us to miss the truth and error)
- Talk about what you just observed.