

Walk In The Light 8
1 John 4:1-6

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To whom will God's Spirit always testify? Read John 14:26, 15:26, and 16:13-15.

POINT: TEST the SPIRITS

In v4, The One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. Is this the Father, the Son, or the Spirit of God? How should John's declaration of God's presence encourage us each day?

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

For more on the Spirit's presence, review 3:23-24 and 2:20-27 (the "anointing" of God's Spirit).

1. Review 1John 3:23-24. What is God's (two part) command? What does God's Spirit confirm?

2. Read 1 John 4:1-3. In v1, what does John tell us to do and why?

When John talks about testing the spirits, what does he mean?

When we think about our current culture—who are some of the false prophets and false messages they proclaim?

Read v2-3 again. Why is the confession of Jesus the litmus test for what is from God?

In your own words, what is the test or criterion for distinguishing the Spirit of truth and spirit of deception (v6)?

3. Read 1 John 4:4-6. Who is the they and them in verse 5?

Why do you think the world is fundamentally opposed to God, and therefore, those who are of God?