

SPIRITUAL PROPAGANDISTS ON THE LOOSE

1 John 4:1-6

Community Group Homework

Getting Started

1. Recall an incident in your life when you bought something because of the great ads only to find out later that the product was not as advertised. What was promised? What was actually delivered?
2. How do you feel about salespeople who try to sell unsuspecting consumers a “bill of goods”?

Going Deeper (Read 1 John 4:1-6)

1. What did John mean when he used the term “spirits” in verse 1?
2. Compare 1 John 4:1 with 1 Timothy 4:1-2. What parallels do you find? What additional insight does 1 Timothy 4:1-2 give to help us understand and interpret John’s warning about testing the spirits?
3. Why is testing false teaching and false teachers critical to every believer? See 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.
4. What important life-saving eternal truth does Satan and his demons never want the world to understand? See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4.
5. Reread 1 John 4:2-3. What is the crucial acid test of whether a teaching is false or true?
6. Why is the dual nature of Jesus Christ - His incarnation as a human being and Him being the eternal Son of God - a non-negotiable truth?
7. What would you say to someone who claims you can believe anything you want about Jesus, just as long as you are sincere?

8. What does this Scripture say to people who believe all roads lead to heaven?

Growing Stronger

1. John called false teaching about Christ Jesus “the spirit of anti-christ.” Is that too harsh? Why? Why not?

2. In the demonic war for people’s hearts and eternal souls, what promise gives Christians hope?
1 John 4:4

3. What does verse 4 mean to you? How does it make you feel? What motivation can you take from it?

4. Should we expect the Christian worldview be touted by the world as the truth? Why not?

5. If a viewpoint is extremely popular in the world what does that say about it from God’s viewpoint?
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6. What are some viewpoints that the world promotes as truth that are actually false in God’s sight?

7. Pastor Jerry said, “This world is a sinking ship doomed. Too many Christians have run to the lifeboats waiting for Jesus to return and rescue them when they ought to be spending their last days getting the message of salvation out to the dying.” Do you agree or disagree?

Getting Together

1. Review your community group prayer list for answers to prayer.
2. Share your prayer concerns and pray for each other.