

Propositional Test: Who is the spiritual source of what is being said? (1)

Christological Test: Is the Lordship of Jesus Christ preeminent? (2-3)

Experiential Test: Is experiencing Christ in you greater than anything? (4)

Motivational Test: Is conviction for Christ's agenda heralded over worldly ideals? (5-6)

READ 1 John 4:1-6

[Sermon Summary]

John warned against believing every spirit; that is, we are never to assume every spiritual experience or every demonstration of spiritual power is from God. We must test spiritual experiences and spiritual phenomenon to see if they are in fact from God. But we must test the spirits: This is important because many false prophets have gone out into the world. Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God: True prophecy, and true teaching, will present a true Jesus. Jesus is full of Grace and Truth and He is just, holy and love. The believer has a resource for victory, the vital presence of the indwelling Jesus, which makes victory always possible in and through Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. For the believer there is evidence of Christ living in and through them.

Discussion Starters:

[The discussion starters are designed to help one other apply God's Word to our week. The idea is to help others continually take steps of obedience to God's voice in our lives.]

What did God speak to you personally through the message this weekend? How do you know that it is God who is speaking to you? Does what God spoke to you, line up with the Bible? How is God's Word elevated in your day to day life? Does your life glorify the person and Lordship of Jesus Christ?

What do you need to do this week to be obedient to what God spoke into your life this weekend?

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