

Community group questions
1 John 4:1-6

Opening question: Share a prank you were a part of or heard about.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 4:1-3. What commands does John give and why were they given? Discuss the need for discrimination (discernment) to our spiritual health. How can we sharpen this skill?

- How is it true that everything in our life hinges on our view of Jesus (give specific examples)? Share times when what you know to be true of Jesus helped you in a situation. What do we know of Jesus from these verses- John 10:14-15, 27-30; Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 1:8, 17-18?

- Read 1 John 4:4-6. What does John say about the contrast between true believers and false teachers? Who is the “we” in verse 6 and what is the significance of this (see also 1 John 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 3:15-16)? Share the importance of listening to God’s Word to your walk with Christ. How can we be more in tune to listening to Him?

- Read verse 4 again and talk about the impact of this promise personally to you. How does knowing that the one in you is greater (stronger) than the one in the world help you as you begin each day and throughout the day? In what situation is this promise particularly encouraging right now?