

GROUP GUIDE

Don't Believe Everything You Hear – Week 6 "Relentless Love"

GOAL

This week's discussion will help us to understand that we need to test and qualify what we take in as truth or false teaching so that we can live a life of pure love towards Jesus and people.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How was everyone's week? Any Praise Reports/Testimonies of what God is doing?

REVIEW

Ask group members to share their favorite points from the sermon,/what spoke to them/questions.
START by sharing YOUR favorite points/what spoke to you

SCRIPTURE AND MAIN POINTS

Read 1 John 4:1 and talk about what it means when it says to "test" the spirit.

- False spirits tend to use words like "love and acceptance" – sometimes they even use words like "Jesus and Holy Spirit" – Why is that? Why should we know that as it relates to "testing the spirit"

Point #1 was "There Really Are False Prophets Today"

- Read **1 Timothy 4:1-2, Isaiah 14:12, and Ephesians 2:2** and discuss each.
- When we read **Matthew 7:15 and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15** we see that the enemy disguises himself to look like "light and righteousness". Have you ever encountered this?
- We always look for the enemy expecting ugliness, but they are ugly wolves disguised as humble sheep – what does this tell you about relationships with people? How do we guard ourselves? How do we know what is true light and what's false?

Point #2 was "Look at What They Do"

- Read **Matthew 7:15-17** and talk about looking at "how they act/fruit"
- Read **1 John 4:2-3** and talk about how "you gotta have confession WITH fruit"
Even Demons know Jesus (Mark 1:24) – Refer to **Matthew 7:21** in the conversation
- Read **1 John 4:4**- what does it mean that the Spirit in us is greater than the spirit in the world
- How does this relate to our point "Look at what they do"?

Point #3 was "Pay Attention to Response"

- Read **John 8:43, 47** and talk about how the ability to hear and the truth in **1 John 4:4** that we are children of God relate to one another.
- Read **1 John 4:5-6** and talk about the "response" of people of the world vs. of God.

Read John 8:31-32 and talk about how remaining in TRUE teachings play in to your freedom. How does knowing all of this and how to test false teachings relate to LOVE?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for prayer requests and write them down – *as the group leader, pray for these requests during your week and make sure they are posted to the GROUP page on FB with who came to group.*

END IN PRAYER