



Faith Evangelical Free Church

Sermon Study Guide

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Spirit and spirits

The beautiful thing about Scripture is its timeless relevance. What John writes in our passage today is just as important and relevant for us to hear as it was for John's original audience if we want to be faithful to Christ not just for a season, but for our whole lives. Certainly, there are many things that can lure us away from faithfulness to Christ, but John's focus in our passage is seductive doctrines that can lure us away from Christ. And so in the face of such concerns, John tells us that we need two things if we want to be faithful to Christ for a lifetime: discernment and confidence.

Opening Discussion: What are some ways that you test to see whether or not something you've heard is the truth (any truth . . . not just spiritual truth)?

Read 1 John 4:1-6

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does John say about exercising discernment (vv. 1-3)? Why is this important?
3. What doctrinal test does John give for testing the spirits (v. 2-3)?
4. Though John warns his readers of false prophets and the spirit of the antichrist now working in world, he doesn't want his readers cowering in fear. Rather, he affirms reasons for great

