



## Lesson 11: Choosing Sides Pt. 2 / Text: 1 John 4:1-6

Message Focus: Learning to walk in and defend the truth in a demonically influenced world.

1. John tells believers they need to "test the spirits" of would be prophets or people who claim to speak for God. (1 John 4:1) How does his call reinforce the reality of an "unseen realm" of beings who are either good or evil, and have conflicting agendas?

**A.**

2. Paul shares a similar thought in 1 Timothy 4:1-2. The word Spirit is capitalized, meaning it is the Holy Spirit who is issuing this warning. What does He warn us will occur in the "last days" of human history?

**A.**

3. John says that all true worshippers of the one, true God share a common doctrine or belief. What is it? Why is it so vitally important? (1 John 4:2-3)

**A.**

4. The one who is behind pushing a false view of Jesus is Satan, the devil. He has his own team of ministers who help peddle his wicked lies. How are the devil and those who speak for him able to convince so many people to believe what isn't true? (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

**A.**

5. Prior to becoming a Christian, did you hold onto any unusual beliefs about God or religion? If yes, share what you believed and why?

**A.**

Do you know anyone who is caught up in a cult or belief system that doesn't recognize Jesus Christ as the way to God and eternal life? If yes, share a bit about their story and any attempts you've made to share Jesus with them.

**A.**

6. 1 John 4:4 says true believers will not be duped into believing lies about God, Jesus or salvation. We are, however, called to help others who are currently deceived and lost. What will our efforts include according to the following scriptures (*2 Corinthians 4:4-6, 5:11, 1 Timothy 4:16*)

**A.**

7. The biggest lie Satan peddles to people is that Jesus doesn't exist and is not the incarnate Son of God. Besides this one, what would you say is the most prevalent lie people believe that prevents them from considering the truth claims of Jesus?

**A.**

How would you respond biblically to someone who believes this way? (*Include scripture*)

**A.**