



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Truth

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and further conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share how it makes you feel when a news authority reports something that isn't true. Why do you think it is hard for people to simply report the truth? What are those invisible factors that influence how we believe what we believe? [Example: I only want to support "my" political party's viewpoint].

John reports that *"many false prophets have gone out into the world."*

READ: Jeremiah 23:25-32. What was motivating the message from these false prophets?

READ: 2 Peter 2:1-3. What was the motivation for these false prophets?

READ: 1 Timothy 6:3-5. What is motivating the teachings for these false teachers?

READ: 1 John 3:18 - Why do you think that John spends 6 verses in chapter 4 explaining the importance of truth. What is the danger of defining "love" without "truth?"

READ: John 16:12-15 - How important is the role of the Holy Spirit to *"take from what is mine and make it known to you?"*

Work through our 5 applications for **testing for truth** and give examples for the corresponding warnings?

1. How does *"Growing intimately familiar with the voice of God's Spirit"* guard against denominationalism?
2. How does *"Identifying with caution the movements of the world's values"* guard against progressivism?
3. How does *"Submitting in participation to the teachings of a church family that shows continuity & integrity"* guard against isolationism and skepticism?
4. How does *"Grounding your discernment in God's Word"* guard against personal judgmentalism?
5. How does *"Testing as an expression of love & unity"* guard against cynicism and distrust?