



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Nathan Loxley // Sunday: July 17, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 4:1-6 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What is meant by "the world" in this passage? How can Christians effectively engage the world without surrendering their convictions?
- 5) Why do you think false prophets are still a problem in the church? How can we properly identify them?
- 6) Discuss the significance of the statement, "Spiritual or religious activity is not necessarily godly activity." How are they similar? How are they different?
- 7) Why is the question "Who is Jesus?" at the heart of orthodox Christianity? How does this question help us wade through religion in a pluralistic society?
- 8) What is meant by "the real Jesus"? How can we identify false ideas of Jesus? What are some that are prevalent today in the world? In the church?
- 9) In what way is the Spirit inside the Christian greater than the spirit who is in the world? How can it be true that Christians have already conquered evil spirits?
- 10) What are some examples of a "Jesus-plus" or a "Bible-plus" theology that characterizes false teaching? How can we slide into these ways of thinking?
- 11) When is it appropriate to call out false teachers? How can pastors be diligent to protect the flock without spending all their time calling out other people?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).