

## **Dig Deeper @Home – 1 John 4:1-6**

Complement to sermon on January 31

### **MEMORIZE**

“We love because God first loved us” (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19)

### **READ**

Read 1 John 4:1-6

### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In your own words, what is the problem that John is addressing in this passage? (vs. 1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Who are the “false prophets” John is referring to in verse 1. (cf: 2:19-26)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read 1 John 2:19,22; 3:13, 23-24; 4:2 and 6. From these verses, how do people motivated by God’s Spirit differ from those motivated by other spirits in their attitudes...  
  
Towards Christ?  
  
How about towards other Christians?  
  
Towards the world?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In what circumstances might it be necessary for you to distinguish between true and false spirits?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. When has the spirit of falsehood or error (vs.6) affected your life?

7. 1 John 4:4 is an inspiring verse. What is the application?

**Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):**

## **Experiential**

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-6. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

## **True or False**

Have each person in your family or group write down three statements about themselves. Two of them must be true (i.e. I like broccoli or My first job was mowing lawns) and one must be false.(i.e. I once met evangelist Billy Graham.) Then pass them to one person to read the lists to the group. Try to guess who wrote the list and then try to guess which one of the statements of the three is false.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Greater** by Mercyme <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0ItnP3t2Y> As you sing this song, let it be a praise to God who is greater than the one who is in the world. As we follow Jesus we do not need to fear.

**This is My Father's World (Mennonite Hymnal #49)** – As you sing this hymn pay special attention to verse #3.” That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. “ Truth wins out over error.

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the lesson: Read together 1 John 5:19-20**

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and eternal life. Amen.