

**1 John 3:19-4:6**

*Memory Verse: You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

**FIRST DAY: Read 1 John 3:19-24**

1. John 3:19 states we can know we belong to the truth.
  - a. What does the phrase *we know we belong to the truth* mean?
  - b. What is the result of knowing the truth?
2. 1 John 3:20 states that we can condemn ourselves, when God is not condemning us. Often, when we fail, our hearts persuade that we are unworthy of coming to the father. What does Jeremiah 17:9 say about our hearts?
  - a. Who accuses you night and day? Revelation 12:9-10
  - b. What does Romans 8:1 say about this type of condemnation?
  - c. Does your heart condemn you or do you have confidence before God?
3. If our heart does not condemn us because the tests in 1 John 3:18-20 set them at rest, what are the results? 1 John 3:21

**SECOND DAY: Read 1 John 3:19-24**

4. Does 1 John 3:22 help explain why our prayers are not always heard.

- a. From the Mark 11:24-25 what other requirement does God have for answering prayers?
  
5. Compare 1 John 3:23 to Matthew 22:37-40 and record the similarities and differences.
  
6. What do these verses say about God's love for us?

Psalm 34:18

Psalm 103:13

Jeremiah 31:33

Do these verses help you understand how God reacts when your heart condemns you?

7. Read 1 John 3:24 and record your insights

**THIRD DAY: Read 1 John 4:1-6**

8. What does 1 John 4:1 exhort us to do?
  - a. Who is responsible for administering this test.
  
9. Here Spirits, are speaking of humans such as preachers who are activated by either demons or the Holy Spirit.
  - a. Why are we to test the spirits? 1 John 4:1-3
  
10. Notice that not just a few, but **many** false prophets are among us, how does 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 describe them?
  
11. Read 2 John 7-9 and record your insights.

**FOURTH DAY: Read 1 John 4:1-6**

12. What other test can we apply to test the spirits?

13. In light of 1 Timothy 4:1-3, how does 1 John 4:4 assure believers they have victory over false teachers?

14. Take a closer look at false teachers and true teachers by filling out the chart below.

False teachers verse 5	true teachers verse 6
They are	We are
They speak	And whoever
And the world	But whoever

**FIFTH DAY: Read 1 John 4:1-6**

15. The phrase in 1 John 4:5 “they are from the world” reveals the source of false teacher’s message. Who is the source behind the deceivers speaking? John 14:30

a. Who is the source behind true teachers speaking? 1 John 4:6

16. According to 1 John 4:5 why are false teachers often so popular?

**SIXTH DAY: Review**

17. How can 1 John 4:4 be an encouragement to you when you face temptation?
  
18. Do you know of any religious groups who deny Jesus is God? What should Christians do, or not do when we encounter them?
  
19. What can you do this week to grow in His grace?