

true OR  false  
A STUDY OF 1 JOHN

Telling the Truth

1 John 4:1-6

Basic Message: Not every spirit speaks truth.

True/False: Truth is about being right.

True/False: Christianity is about believing the truth.

1) The Test: Getting it right about Jesus (vv. 1-3)

His incarnation, divinity, humanity, mission.

2) The Confidence: God leads His people into  
truth. (vv. 4-6)

God placed an "overcoming" spirit in us.

We live in a "worldly" world.

The church is God's plan to support us in truth.

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# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Have you ever been totally deceived by another person? How did that affect you? Have you ever believed the wrong things about God? Explain.
- 2) Why is Jesus the central key to understanding and walking in truth? See 1 John 1:1-4; 2:2; 3:1-3,16; 4:2.
- 3) What are some teachings or beliefs common in our culture that are false? How do you validate their falsehood?
- 4) Why is the church so key in helping us stay grounded in the truth? See Hebrews 10:24-25. Are you fully connected?



## **Memory Verse**

**1 John 4:2**

“This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.”