

**Title: 1 John 4v1-6 Test the Spirits**

**Welcome**

Host to welcome people, especially new members.

**Worship**

Lead a time of worship. Ask people to give thanks for anything they have received from or experienced of God over the past week.

**Word**

Read 1 John 4v1-6

1. Who or what are the spirits that John is speaking of in this passage and why is he instructing his readers to test them?
2. How does John say that the Holy Spirit and the false spirits can be tested?
3. How useful do you think these tests are in testing prophesy in our churches today?
4. What is the purpose of the spiritual gift of prophecy today?
5. How should we encourage the exercise of prophecy today? (share any experiences)
6. How does this gift relate to the spiritual gift of discernment or distinguishing spirits 1 Cor 12v10.
7. What encouragement does John give his readers and us in vv4-6 that we can discern spirits with confidence?

**Witness**

Pray & ask the Holy Spirit to show you how study might affect your everyday lives and pray into this.

Pray for the needs of the group.

Pray for wider needs

**To prepare for next Group (please do this before people leave )**

Person to host the group (Welcome).....

Person to lead short time of Worship .....

Person to lead study (Word section) .....

People to be invited to next group & who to do that

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**Informal conversation** etc.