



THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

1 JOHN 3:19-4:6

Questions For Discussion

1. Can you think of a time when you were misled into thinking that something you were told was true, only to discover later that what you were told was *false*? What was the situation, and how did you feel after discovering the truth?
2. What are some examples of false or misleading ideas that are constantly being promoted in our culture? In what ways are these ideas being promoted?
3. In your opinion, who are some of the popular individuals in contemporary society whose message (i.e. ideas, beliefs, or teachings) we should be wary of? Explain why you chose these individuals.
4. Based on today's message, why is it so important that we "test the spirits" – i.e. that we question the ideas and beliefs that are being presented to us? What are the dangers of *failing* to do this?
5. In our lives as believers, how can we be sure that what we're being taught by our spiritual leaders (e.g. our elders, pastors, and teachers) is consistent with what we find in the Scriptures? What do we need to do in order to discern the truth in what we're being taught?
6. According to today's message, how can we be sure that we are being led by the Spirit of God and not by other spirits that are not of God? Give specific examples.