

# HOME GROUPS

## Questions for 1 John 3:11-24 “Testing & Loving” Week of July 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up:** What is one area of your life in Jesus that you hope to grow deeper in come this Fall?

- **1 John 4:1** and following talks about the importance of *testing the spirits*. What do you understand this teaching to mean?
  - What is one practical example of what this looks like?
  - Where in your life does the need to ‘test the spirits’ show up most often?
- What encouragement do you gain from **1 John 4:4** as well as **2 Corinthians 10:4,5**? What does “**bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**” really look like? Where do you need to do this most?
- Satan has deceived our culture into believing that as long as someone is sincere, then the object of their faith really doesn’t matter. Do you see this kind of thinking in the lives of those you interact with? How so?
- On Sunday Seth mentioned that sometimes we can listen to the *wrong songs on repeat for too long*. He was referencing the fact that it can be very easy to believe lies and then build our lives upon those lies. Do you feel comfortable sharing what lie you have believed to for too long? Pray for one another...that God’s truth would reign in your minds and hearts!
- Discuss the following quote: “Today, some groups deny that Jesus is really God (such as the Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, and Muslims). But way back in John’s day, in this time closest to the actual life and ministry of Jesus on this earth, people didn’t have a hard time believing Jesus was God. They had a hard time believing that he was a *real* man. This false teaching said Jesus was truly God (which is correct), but really a ‘make-believe’ man.” - David Guzik
  - Why is it significant that those in John’s day, (for the most part), did not have trouble believing in Jesus’ Divine nature?

**Wrap Up:** Close in praying that God’s truth would reign in the minds of each and every person in your Home Group. We all need to tune our ears to the truth about who we are in Jesus Christ, and have the discernment to detect Satan’s lies!