

The Need for Testing
1 John 4:1-6
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Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 John 4:1-6. A false doctrine is any idea that adds to, takes away from, or contradicts the fundamental teachings of God's Word. Share an example of a false doctrine that we might come across (e.g. on television, online, radio, etc. or in person).
2. It's important to know the difference between a false doctrine and denominational disagreements on secondary issues. Share an example of a secondary issue that Christians might disagree on.
3. Consider the following statement:
 - In the essentials - Unity
 - In the nonessentials - Charity
 - In all things - Christ

How can this guideline help you in your relationship with other Christians?

4. In order to identify a counterfeit (false doctrine), we need to know the real thing (God's Word). What can you do to grow in your understanding of God's Word?