

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, February 11, 2018

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How Does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 *ESV*

this month's memory verse

personal study questions

Be on Guard (1 John 4:1-6)

LOOK (Observe—What does it say?)

How does John refer to his readers (4:1a, 4a)?

Whom does John warn his readers not to believe (4:1b)?

What are the readers to do with the spirits (4:1c, d)?

Why does John give his readers this warning (4:1e)?

What confession helps to identify a spirit that comes from God (4:2)?

What do spirits not from God fail to confess (4:3)?

What does John call spirits not from God (4:3)?

Where does John believe his readers have come from and have done; and why (4:4)?

What is true of those who are from the world (4:5)?

What is true of those who are from God (4:6a)?

THINK (Interpret—What does it mean?)

What does John mean by 'spirit' (4:1)?

How are we to 'test' spirits (4:1)?

What does it mean to confess 'that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh' (4:2)?

What does it mean to 'not confess Jesus' (4:3)? In what way is 'the spirit of the antichrist...now...in the world already' (4:3)?

Who have we 'overcome' and in what way (4:4)? Who is the one 'who is in the world' (4:4)?

What does John mean by 'world' (4:5)?

DO (Apply—What does it mean for me?)

What are today's false prophets/messages that appeal to you or people you know?

List ways you can ready yourself to be more alert to the presence of spiritual deception. What keeps you from testing 'the spirits' (fear of seeming judgmental, uncertainty on how, motivation for why, etc...)?

Have you ever been afraid of spiritual evil? Where can you find comfort when you're tempted to fear? List ways you're tempted to forget/disbelieve that God is greater than he who is in the world.

What does it mean to 'confess Jesus'? What are some beliefs/religions that do not 'confess Jesus'? How can you better prepare yourself to discern the difference between truth and error?