

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

JOHN

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 24 • 1 John 4

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 John 2:28–3:24** has been helpful to you?
2. What responsibility are the readers given in **V1**?
3. In **V2–3** what are the two main spirits in conflict, and how can you tell them apart?
4. What other names are given to describe these conflicting spirits in **V4–6**?
5. Who are the “dear children” John is addressing in **V4**?
6. What does Scripture say about “the One who is in you”?
1 John 4:4 _____
John 15:26 _____
John 16:11 _____
John 16:13 _____
7. What do you learn about the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood from **V4–6**?

8. **Before reading what chapter 4 says about love:**

a) What would you say is your definition of love?

b) How do you show it?

9. According to **V7-8**, from where does love originate?

10. How does God show love in **V9**?

11. What is the definition of love, and why are we to love one another according to **V10-11**?

- How do you think you are to express love to others based on this definition?

12. According to **V12** and **V17**, how is His love made complete in you?

13. What is the evidence, from **V12-16**, that a person lives in God and God lives in that person?

14. What is the evidence in your life that you live in God and God lives in you?

15. Why can't fear and perfect love co-exist?

16. According to **V19** what prompted us to love God?

- In your life who needs you to "first love" them?

17. John ends chapter 4 with the command, "Whoever loves God must also love his brother"—based on this passage, why is this true?

18. From 1 John 4 begin to formulate a prayer request to share with your group this week.