



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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Assured | January 26th 2020 | 1 John 4:1-6

“Little Children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” —1 John 4:4

## FROM THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 4:1-6. Our passage talks about the “spirit of the antichrist.” In context, what is the spirit of the antichrist?
- According to our passage how can we “tests the spirits” of other proclaimed “God followers” or professing Christians? Why is the emphasis on Jesus coming in the flesh (incarnation) so central to our faith and life?

## FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Chris drew out 2 things from our text that can help us identify true and false teachers: 1) Is their teaching in line with who Jesus is? 2) Is their teaching in line with what God’s Word says? Where these two identifiers helpful to you? What are some reasons why it can be very difficult to identify a false teacher? How do they deceive others?
- Pastor Chris finished his sermon with a challenge to be people of the Word (The Bible) and to proactively contend for the faith, especially for the next generation. How will we accomplish this together? What are some potential pitfalls that would pull us away from accomplishing this goal?

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- What lies about Jesus or God’s Word have you believed or struggled with? Where are you now with those beliefs and struggles? How can the group come around you in this?
- Does your current life pace and schedule help promote being a person of the Word, knowing it, and in turn contenting for the faith? If not, what do you think needs to change in order to do so?
- In contrast to the above question, do you think someone can focus too much on “defending the faith” and lose sight of other important aspects of their faith? Discuss what that could look like?

## PRAYER FOCUS

Be reminded of the true gospel. Reflect on that. Reflect on Jesus incarnate (fully God & fully man). Praise God for his plan of redemption by means of the cross and resurrection. Thank God for the Holy Spirit’s empowerment and presence. Pray for the needs of one another. Especially any shared earlier in the meeting.