



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Light in the Dark: Test the Lights

**Scripture:** 1 John 4:1-6; James 2:19

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1. Would you consider yourself a gullible or suspicious person? Has this been true throughout your life or is this aspect of your personality recent?
2. How have you seen your gullibility or suspicion manifested within the church (beyond your time at Harbor Trinity, if applicable)? Have you seen this be mostly positive, mostly negative, or somewhere in between?
3. 1 John 4:1 begins with “do not believe every spirit...for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” The encouragement is, “test the spirits to see whether they are from God.” What comes to mind as you hear this verse?
4. Have you had a litmus test for faith, church, pastors, etc.? What has been your criteria and why?
5. Belief is often used as a description of faith. James 2:19 has been shared the last two weeks in our services. How does this define faith as more than belief? Does that mean anything for you?
6. Both “believe” and “test” are imperatives calling for continuous action and vigilance. What do you notice as you note the number of times the phrase “from God” and “the world” are used?
7. Why is “Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_” and “Jesus - \_\_\_\_\_” both dangers that we should avoid?
8. “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4) is an often quoted verse. Does the context of this paragraph and these verses help you to understand its meaning and implications more?
9. In all five uses of “antichrist” in the Johannine letters, the denial of Jesus Christ is the antichrist’s principal interest (2:18-22; 4:3; 2 John 7). Why is our understanding of Jesus foundational to all other beliefs?
10. Does Jesus agree with you about everything? In what ways do you find Jesus growing your belief and understanding?