

Wk 10 CG 1 John 4:1-6

Context:

John emphasizes the importance of discerning truth in a world filled with false teachings. Believers must know God's truth through His Word, as it reveals the true nature of Jesus Christ and guards against falsehoods. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to discern truth, guiding them in understanding God's Word and protecting them from deception. The community of believers also plays a crucial role, as they help each other stay grounded in sound doctrine and correct misunderstandings. Together, God's Word, Spirit, and People equip believers to recognize and stand firm in the truth of the gospel.

Read Passage 1 John 4:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. God's Word –

- How much time during the week do you spend in God's word?
- How does the truth of God's Word help us distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood?
- John talks about the importance of acknowledging that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. How does the message of Jesus, as revealed in the Bible, act as a foundation for knowing the truth?
- What are some false teachings you've seen in the world today? How do they compare with the truths we find in Scripture?

2. God's Spirit – In verse 4, John reminds us that the Spirit of God who lives in us is greater than the one in the world.

- How does the Holy Spirit help us to recognize the truth?
- Can you recall a moment when the Spirit prompted you to discern truth in a situation?

3. God's People – John says that those who are from God listen to those who speak God's truth (verses 5-6).

- Why do you think the community of believers is so important when it comes to recognizing truth?
- Who are some pastors, preacher or teachers that you listen to? Why?
- How does being in community with other believers help you grow in your understanding of truth?
- How can we encourage one another to stay grounded in the truth of God's Word?

Application:

- **Living Out the Truth:** How can we practically live out the truth of God's Word, Spirit, and community in our daily lives
 - How can you be more intentional in aligning your life with God's truth this week?
 - How can we support one another in discerning truth, particularly in a world full of conflicting messages?