International Bible Lesson Class Preparation Guide for 1 John 4:1-6

Before your next class meeting, read the Bible verses above. Write your favorite verse or the most meaningful verse or the verse that leaves you with the most questions from your reading in the space below. Be ready to share your verse with your class. Then, write a brief answer to the questions below for class discussion.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

- 1. Why did John say he wanted the followers of Jesus to test the spirits?
- 2. How can you tell the difference between a false spirit and the Spirit of God?
- 3. Who is the one who is in the believer and how can this encourage a believer in Jesus?
- 4. Who do those of the world listen to and why do they do so?
- 5. How do we know the difference between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error?

Thinking Further for Extra Credit

1. How would you define "spirits" in the way John wrote about? How can a spirit be dangerous?
2. What might happen to someone who believed and believed in a spirit that was not from God?
3. What does it mean to believe "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh"? What kind of person believes this?
4. How can those John called "little children" conquer spirits that are not from God? How can knowing this encourage new and mature believers in Jesus?
5. Why do you think some people, even some who call themselves Christian, refuse to believe that the Bible is true in all it affirms or is an infallible standard of faith and practice for those who follow Jesus? What do you believe about the Bible?