

4 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit^[a] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Footnotes

- a. 1 John 4:6 Or *spirit*

Small Group Instructions
Step 1: Pray

Step 3: Read the Scripture aloud together.

- Also, if in personal study, read aloud to yourself too.
- Make notes on the passage by hand
 - Underline, circle, draw arrows...etc.

Step 4: Read the passage again silently making observations on the passage

- Share the Observations with the group (if in a group setting)

Step 6: Read the passage again silently while making interpretive notes

- Share those with your group

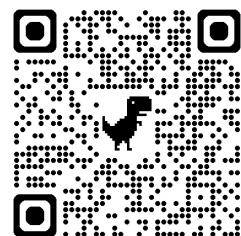
Step 7: Read the passage again silently while looking for areas of conviction and application

- Share some with the group

Step 8: Close in pray together

Tutorial on how to take notes inductively on a Bible passage.

- Watch this 8 min instructional video and take notes
- Get clear about Observation, Interpretation and Application
- [How to Study the Bible](#)¹



¹ Video is from Impact and Logos Ministries. A Bible Translation Group. [How to Study the Bible](#)