

## The 1,2, 3's of Guarding the Truth

*Sermon Notes*

**ONE....** \_\_\_\_\_ **about the Truth**

A - The Presupposition of Christianity is:

B - The Presupposition of Pluralism is:

C - Countering the Foundations of Pluralism

**TWO....** \_\_\_\_\_ **of the Truth**

Test Question 1:

Test Question 2:

**THREE....** \_\_\_\_\_ **from the Truth**



## The Worship of God

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## Community Group Discussion Guide – 1 John 4:1-6

### Ice Breaker

Icebreaker: What was your least favorite kind of test when you were in school?

### Discuss Together

How would you respond to someone who says that Christianity is too exclusive?

Instead of believing every spirit, what does John instruct his readers to do? Why?

Who is the spirit of this world? (See 2 Corinthians 4:4 & Eph. 2:2)

Read John 14:15–17 and 17:17. Who is the Spirit of truth?

What are the tests of the spirit that John instructs us to use to discern truth and error?

### Apply Together

Are you testing the spirits? Here are some questions to help you evaluate and discern the “spirits” speaking into your life:

To whom do you listen to most often?

What does the content of your favorite TV shows, your social media feed, and your conversations with friends tell you about what you are listening to?

Are you intentionally engaging with, evaluating, and challenging the world’s truth claims that are barraging you on a daily basis?

If your answer to the previous question is “no,” then what keeps you from engaging in intellectually challenging and intentional engagement with the truth?

1 John 4:4 is the Good News in this text (see also John 16:25-33 & Romans 8:37-39) - What do these verses say and how are they encouraging to you as you seek to better the test spirits in your life?

In light of the Good News, how might God be calling you to specific actions to grow in your ability to discern and engage with truth claims?