

1 John - Week 4
Chapters 4 & 5
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You Were Born to Host His Presence, Hear His Voice and Display His Glory

I. Test Every Spirit: (1 John 4:1-9)

II. Believers stand secure through God's greater power:

III. God's nature is love, revealed in Christ:

IV. Love is the evidence of knowing God:

V. Perfect love brings assurance, not fear:

VI. Practical Applications for Hearing God's Voice

- A. Discerning God's voice takes active listening and practice
- B. Discerning God's voice requires risk
- C. You will get it "wrong" and feel foolish;
- D. You are NOT trusting in your ability to hear you are trusting in His ability to speak;
- E. God's design is for us to LISTEN and step out SO THAT we come into a place of responsibility and maturity to represent Him well in purpose, passion and purity on this Earth.

LifeGroup Questions:

1. *Optional Icebreaker Question: If you could compete in the Winter Olympics right now, what sport would you compete in?*
2. What aspect of God's character has this week's passage shown you more clearly?
3. Why is confessing that Jesus came in the flesh so central to the Christian faith?
4. John says, "God is love." How would you define biblical love based on this chapter? How is God's love different from the way our culture typically defines love?
5. "Perfect love drives out fear." What kinds of fear do believers commonly struggle with? How does understanding God's love reshape our fears—especially about judgment or acceptance?
6. John says we cannot claim to love God while hating a brother or sister. Are there any relationships where God may be inviting you to grow in love, forgiveness, or reconciliation?