

LifeGroup Guide
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Core Truth

To avoid spiritual deception, you must develop biblical discernment.

Open

What thoughts and feelings come to your mind when you think of Christian fellowship?

Explore: Read 1 John 2:18-27

What is the difference (if any) between being discerning and being distrustful? Is it wrong to be distrustful of someone?

How do you develop discernment without becoming skeptical of everyone and everything?

Since there are many different views of doctrine, how can you know that you are right? How can you hold to your view without being arrogant?

How do you determine which doctrines are core doctrines, worth dividing over, and which are more peripheral?

How would you respond to someone if they said, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere." ?

Application

What is the gospel? How do other churches/religions differ on this definition?

Read Matthew 7:1-5. The Bible commands us not to judge others, how does this match up with 'refuting those who contradict' (Titus 1:9)?

Why is it crucial to always link the Spirit with the Word? Does the Spirit give direct revelation today? How do you know if something is of the Holy Spirit?

Walk In Truth
1 John 2:18-27

AVOIDING SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

Be Discerning of _____ (2:18-20)

Beware of _____

Beware of those who break from the _____

Beware of those who offer _____

Be Discerning of _____ (2:21-23)

DEVELOPING DISCERNMENT

1. _____ in the Word (2:24-26)

2. _____ in the Spirit (2:27)

The Spirit always works in conjunction with the _____ .

The Spirit _____ in you, but you must also _____ in the Spirit.