

**United Church of Marco Island**

**John's Letters Fall 2019 Bible Study**

**Study # 7: Tuesday, November 12th @10AM**

**I John 4: 1-12 "Discernment and Devotion"**

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is there such a great need for Christians to be discerning (v.1)? In what ways is this true for us today?
2. What test does John give us for determining whether a person's teaching is from "the Spirit of God" or the spirit of the antichrist (v. 2-3)?
3. Have you ever been confronted with a modern-day representative of "the spirit of the antichrist?" Explain.
4. As followers of Christ, how can we overcome the doctrinal errors that continually confront us (v.4)?
5. John provides an additional test for discerning whether a person's teaching is "from the world" or "from God" (v. 5-6). Give some examples of how the makeup of the audience a teacher attracts is indicative of the teacher's own nature and beliefs.
6. Why must we be diligent in our devotion to one another (v. 7-8)?
7. How does the cross of Christ demonstrate the manner in which "God so loved us" (v. 9-11)?
8. How does God's love for you motivate you to love those who might be difficult to love (v. 11)?
9. How does our love for each other make the invisible God visible in our midst (v. 12)?

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