A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: November 1, 2017 1 John 4:1-6

- 1. What is John's instruction in 4:1?
 - a. Don't believe every spirit.
 - b. Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.
 - c. There are people teaching wrong things in the name of God and we should be careful who we believe.
 - d. All of the above.

2. How, according to 4:2, do we recognize the Spirit of God?

- 3. According to what we've been learning in the rest of 1 John, why is it so important to affirm that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?
 - a. Because people were saying that Jesus was more of a phantom and that is the only way he could have really been good.
 - b. Because if he came in the flesh, then flesh does not have to be evil, it can be influenced by the Spirit living in it.
 - c. Because if he came in the flesh, it brings hope for us who also have flesh.
- 4. What sort of spirit, according to 4:3, is not from God?
- 5. So, what sort of spirit would say that we cannot live according to God's will because we are only human and human flesh has to be evil?
- 6. According to verse 4:4, should we be afraid of the spirit of antichrist that, according to this text, is already in the world? Yes____ No____ Why? _____
- 7. Does this text also give us encouragement for our life in this body? Yes____ No____ Explain. _____
- 8. What, according to 4:6, should we do if we are from God?
- 9. Is it possible that the antichrist has been influencing us already more than we realized? Yes____ No____ What will we do? _____