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Teaching Notes

Series: Sticking With Jesus
Week Seven

1 John 4:1-13

¹ Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. ² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

Not everyone that says they are a true prophet is sent by God or is authorized by God to teach in His Name.

⁴ But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

God has already _____ evil and He has passed on that _____ to us!!

⁵ Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. ⁶ But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

If someone isn't listening to _____ ... we have no business listening to _____ !!

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love, does not know God, for God is love.

If we fall into the _____ of divisiveness, we too will become a _____ for satan.

God is defined first of all by His love.

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

Before we loved _____ ... He loved _____ first!

How lovable were we when God reached out to us??

¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

That's our _____ ... to see God's love brought to full expression in us.

Our starting point for loving others is God's love for them and not how lovable we think they are!

¹³ And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us.

A gift is really only a gift when we _____ it and make it a _____ of our day-to-day life!!