

**TEST THE SPIRITS!**

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting.*

*Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. Why are some Christians so hesitant to challenge strange religious teachings? Why should we challenge/scrutinize unfamiliar religious teachers and teachings (verse 1)?
2. In your opinion, why is the doctrine of Christ so important (verses 2-3)?
3. What do you think it means to speak "from the world" (verse 5)? How can we identify speech that is "from the world"?

4. Look at the story in 1 Kings 13, how did the old prophet persuade the man of God to listen to him (verse 18)? Could the man of God have known (discovered) that the old prophet was lying?

5. Why do you think the man of God was punished and not the old prophet (verses 24 & 26)? Do you think that was fair?

**III. Making it Personal**

6. Who are the spirits (religious teachers) that you love to listen to? What draws you to them? How did you evaluate them before giving them your trust?
7. What stood out most to you this week?

**IV. Prayer**