

# The Words of Life

## *How to Recognize God's Voice*

Scripture: 1st John 4:1-6

**Big Question:** *How do I recognize the Spirit of God?*

**Big Idea:** *God's Word allows us to hear and heed God's voice.*

*OR Believers cannot accept all voices in their attempt to accept all people.*

**Introduction:** *Verifying God's Voice*

### **How can we discern God's Spirit amongst the world's spirits?**

- V. #1 Everyone is following someone... the question is not *if* but *who*?
  - God's Word or the world?
- V. #2-3 Believers have the responsibility to test who they are following.
  - Here is how...
    - Those who follow God *know* God.
    - Those who follow God *profess* Jesus as God made flesh.
    - Those who follow God *listen* to God.
- V. #5-6 An audience tells us a lot about a leader.

**Applications:** How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- The world will not listen to us.
- The world will not live like us.
- The world will not overcome us.

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

**1st John 4:4**