Watch the Video
Read through the questions below before you watch the video. Try to fill in some answers as you listen.

1. In John MacArthur’s opinion, what is the biggest problem in the church?

Define It: In its simplest definition, discernment is nothing more than the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong. Discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. In other words, the ability to think with discernment is synonymous with an ability to think biblically.

- John MacArthur

2. Why is a lack of discernment such a serious problem?

3. Part of the responsibility of ministry is to instruct with patience. What other responsibilities do we have?

4. How many professed Charismatics are there in the world?

5. What is the highest duty and most essential behavior for humanity?

6. What is John MacArthur afraid has happened to worship in our culture?

“... if you can’t discern the truth, you can die of a thousand heresies.”

- John MacArthur

7. How are we supposed to worship God?
8. Where do the most serious crimes against God take place?
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9. How does the Charismatic Movement continually dishonor God?
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10. Which person of the trinity does the Charismatic Movement dishonor most?
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a. How do they do this?
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11. What is a dangerous thing to do when it comes to the Holy Spirit?
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12. What is ironic about the Charismatic Movement and their view of the Holy Spirit?
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13. Why can it be said that the Charismatic Movement has done nothing to enrich true worship?
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Suffice it to say that when you come before the Lord, you better honor the Lord. You better come in a way that is consistent with His will and revelation. This is what it means to worship in truth.

- John MacArthur
14. What is John MacArthur's fear for the majority of those involved in the Charismatic Movement?

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15. What are some of the works of the Holy Spirit?

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16. John MacArthur names some of the odd things that some in the Charismatic movement attribute to the Holy Spirit. Can you name some?

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17. What does it mean to "take the Lord's name in vain"?

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18. What is John MacArthur’s main purpose for the Strange Fire conference?

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19. What is the main function of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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The pattern of regular communion as a believer is with the three persons of the Godhead in meditation, prayer and a duly ordered life.

“John Owen”

20. What else does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a believer?

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Discussion Questions

1. Do you think it is appropriate to have an entire conference devoted to confronting perceived doctrinal error within the body of Christ? Why or why not?

2. There are leaders within the Charismatic movement that are bluntly deceptive and they know that they are. There are others that are the deceived. What are the appropriate responses to each of these? How can this conference address both of them?

3. Why do you think so many orthodox believers are reluctant to address the clear errors within the Charismatic movement?

4. Is God concerned that we worship him in a specifically prescribed manner? Why do you think this is? What is the danger of inventing our own ways of worshipping Him?

5. There is a flow of theological richness, understanding and clarity that stems from the Apostles, through to the Reformers and then the Puritans. These and those who learn after them have done much to contribute to Biblical interpretation. How would you characterize the approach to scripture, doctrine and Biblical interpretation as found within the Charismatic movement?

6. Does the fact that some people are genuinely converted within the Charismatic movement lend credibility to it? Why or why not?

7. Judging by sheer numbers, the Charismatic movement appears to be very successful. How can this apparent success be explained?

8. Below is a quote from John MacArthur’s message. How would you describe the contrast between what the Bible indicates is the ministry of the Holy Spirit versus those things that are ascribed to Him within the Charismatic movement?

   What is the work of the Holy Spirit? He convicts, He regenerates, He justifies, He illuminates, He cleanses, He converts, He sanctifies, He adopts, He baptizes, He indwells, He endows, He empowers, He guides, He delivers, He produces fruit, He secures us. This is what Scripture says and what it doesn’t say is this, the Holy Spirit knocks us down. The Holy Spirit makes us laugh in a silly way. The Holy Spirit amps up our body heat. The Holy Spirit gives us the hiccups. The Holy Spirit gives us convulsions, puts us in a stupor, makes us look drunk, causes us to fall down, speak gibberish, make primal sounds, jump, roll...ridiculous...absolutely ridiculous.

9. The Charismatic movement has successfully demanded acceptance on the basis of love and tolerance. How might we answer those who accuse us of being unloving or intolerant for pointing out Charismatic error?

10. All of the ministry of the Holy Spirit can be summarized this way – He is working in us to conform us into the image of Jesus Christ. What has the Holy Spirit done in your life to accomplish this?