

Walk In The Light 4

1John 2:12-17

2/5/23

POINT: LOVE Jesus to LOVE the Father and not the World

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 2:12-14. In this passage, John affirms "his church." He addresses all of them as dear children, but speaks to the older people as Fathers and the younger people as Young men.

Is this a strong church and if so, why?

What characterizes the Fathers? Why is this important to a church?

What characterizes the Young Men?

Discuss insights for our faith and church.

2. Read v15-17. What does John mean when he says, Do not love the world?

3. What does it mean to love the world?

Read v16. John files everything in the world that does not come from God in three categories. Discuss each one and share personal thoughts, insights, and experiences.

Here are some additional verses that correspond to the theme of 1John 2:15-17: Luke 18:22; Col 3:2; Matt 6:24; 16:25; 2Cor 10:3-5

Discuss how ads and commercials exploit these three expressions of world-love to sell products?

4. Read v17. Is there any power for us in this truth? It seems that we know it, but people ignore it. How can we harness this personally and show its truth in our own life? How can we make it important to others?