

LOVED TO LOVE
SERMON SERIES IN 1 JOHN

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

1 John 2:12-17 // I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Relating to the World

1 John 2:12-17

How do you relate to the world?

I. With confidence

A. Confidence in regard to sin (v. 12, 13c)

B. Confidence in regard to the world (v. 13-14; 1 John 3:8, 4:4)

II. With discernment

A. The world you love (v. 15; Matt. 11:19; Psalm 24:1)

B. The world you don't love (v. 15-16)

III. With hope

A. The world that is passing away (v. 17a; 1 Cor. 7:31)

B. The world that will abide (v. 17b; John 6:29)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. How does your sin and the condition of our world undermine your ability to engage with it confidently?
2. Do you tend towards separation from the world or uncritical consumption of the world? In what areas of your life are you needing to adopt the practice of discernment?
3. As you look at the world, what causes your heart to despair? How does the gospel bring a tremendous amount of hope?