



Week 7 Study Guide

Read the text: 1 John 2:15-17

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.

Study Questions

- What are your observations... what jumps out? What is the subject, repeated words, and supporting ideas?
- What does it mean to love the world?
- How does verse 16 help us understand what John means by the world? What is meant by “the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes and the pride of life”?
- What are the reasons for not loving the world? Discuss why each is important.
- How is love for the world short-sighted?
- How does love for the world conflict with love for the Father?
- Read John 17. How does this text better help us understand 1 John 2:15-17? Jesus goes back and forth between language of being “in” the world but not “of” the world. How does this distinction help us understand how we are to live as Christians?
- Read a few other passages: Romans 12:1-2, James 4:4, Philippians 3:20, 1 Peter 2:11-12. What do these passages teach us about how we should relate to this world?
- How do you struggle with the love of the world (think about those three areas mentioned in verse 16)? How can you obey this command to not love the world?

Prayer

- What can you praise God for?
- What can you confess? *Spend time confessing together to God how you have loved the world*
- What can we ask God for? *Pray especially for each other in those areas where you struggle in loving the world too much.*

Mission

- While we are not “of” the world, we are “in” it. And we have been left “in” it to be the light of the world (Matthew 5). So how can you be a light to those around you? How can you live in a way that’s unique that would cause others to ask you questions?