

CG - Gathering

Sermon Series: The Letters of John
Sermon Title: Do Not Love The World — 1 John 2:12-17



Call to Worship (Read Psalm 73:25-26)

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. '

Pray

"Father, thank You that our sins are forgiven, that we know You through Christ, and that Your Word abides in us; help us today to love You more than the world and to receive Your truth with humble hearts, Amen."

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Questions for Discussion:

1. Did you find anything encouraging or challenging from the text or from the sermon this week?
2. As we considered the encouragements listed in verses 12-14, which stands out most to you today: forgiveness of sins, knowing the Father, overcoming the evil one, or the Word abiding in you? Why?
3. Which of the three worldly temptations in verse 16 do you find most influential in your own life right now, and why?
4. John says we should "walk in the same way in which He walked." What characteristics of Christ's life stand out to you most? (submission, humility, sacrificial obedience, perseverance, commitment to God's will)
5. How does remembering that "the world is passing away" change the way we think about success, possessions, reputation, or comfort in this world?
6. After studying this passage, what is one area where you sense God calling you to love Him more wholeheartedly this week?

Gospel community Challenge: This week, identify one area where "the world" is competing for your affection more than Christ, and intentionally replace that influence with time in God's Word and prayer each day, then share that commitment with someone else in the group to help hold one another accountable.

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1. Remember who you are in Christ (v. 12-14)

2. Guard Your Heart from Loving the World (v. 15-16)

3. Live for What Lasts Forever (v. 17)