

1 John: Do Not Love (Week 3)

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Discussion and Questions:

1. How are the journals going? Any highlights?
2. Read 1 John 2:3-6 and 15-17. Why do you think there is such a strong link between what we say about our relationship with God and what we do?
3. What do you think John means when he says “the world”? How is the command to not love the world different from asking us to just be nice and behave?
4. Read verses 15 to 17 again. Clint said there are three powerful traps that are set for us to try and entice us away from living a life that shows we love God. The first is the lust of the eyes. A “see it, want it, have it” approach. What are some things we can do to minimise the negative impact of what we see?
5. Second is the lust of the flesh. This is a perversion of pleasure. So many things that are designed to be good but are easily corrupted if we let our sinful nature run the show. Suggest a few now. How can we have each others back in terms of supporting one another to avoid such a trap?
6. Third was the pride of life. Putting our faith in possessions we’ve acquired, status we’ve achieved and recognition from those achievements to make our life seem worthwhile. Can anyone tell of a time in their life when they were a bit lost in this zone? How and why did you get out?
7. Romans 12:2 tells us not to be conformed to the world. Is this something you struggle with? Look closely at the latter part of this verse. Discuss what difference a renewed mind would mean to you and how to accomplish it. Finish by praying for each other regarding this now.

Upcoming dates

1. CORE – Tuesday September 26th – 7pm dinner/7.30pm start
2. Camp Survivor – Monday October 2nd – Friday October 6th