



Grace Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: This World Is Fading Away

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Connect

Not tied to the text — gets everyone talking early.

- What's one thing from your week worth celebrating?
- What's something you were really into as a kid or teenager that you've since outgrown? Why do you think it lost its pull?

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Recap

Anchors everyone in the text — no prior training needed to answer.

1 John 2 ¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ “For everything in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions — is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. ¹⁸ Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. ¹⁹ These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us. ²⁰ But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth. ²¹ So I am writing to you not because you don’t know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies. ²² And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. ²³ Anyone who denies the Son doesn’t have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. ²⁵ And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us. ²⁶ I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. ²⁷ But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don’t need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

- What stood out to you from Sunday's message or this passage?
- What do we notice about the characters, setting, or events in 1 John 2:15–27?
- According to verses 15–17, what are the two things we can love, and where does each one lead?

3**Discovery**

Digging into what the text means — okay if only a few voices carry it.

- Why do you think John is so direct — “Do not love this world” — when God has given us so many good things to enjoy?
 - What does this passage reveal about God's character, especially in how the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are each described?
 - John says anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either (v. 23). Why does getting Jesus's identity right matter so much for everything else we believe?
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4**Application**

The funnel narrows into life application and vulnerability.

- Where do you see this same pattern in your own life — something that once had a strong pull on you but has faded as you've grown closer to Jesus?
 - Sunday's message ended with several “what ifs”: loving your spouse when others tear theirs down, showing self-control, staying close to non-Christian friends without living like the world, being honest when it costs you. Which one is a place God might be calling you to respond differently?
 - Right now, which gets more of your time and attention: things that will fade, or things that will last? What's one small shift that could change that balance?
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5**Prayer / Response**

Occasional action step — not required every week.

- How can we pray for you this week?
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