



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 3 – 1 John 2:15-17 – Sep. 13, 2020

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

Helpful Resources for Studying 1 John

- *RightNow Media Study with Tony Evans* – <http://bit.ly/123JohnTonyEvans>
- *The BibleProject Video* – <http://bit.ly/BibleProject1John>
- *John's Letters: Discovering Genuine Christianity* – <http://bit.ly/JohnsLetters>



KNOW:

- Schools have started back and many people are back at their workplaces now, but things are definitely different. What is the biggest challenge for you or your family in the current circumstances? How are you seeing God's faithfulness through it?
- Where are some beautiful places in the world that you have visited or would love to visit? What is appealing about these places?
- What is something you looked forward to every year as a child? Why? What about now? What is something you are looking forward to right now? How does looking forward to something in the future change your attitude & behavior in the present?



GROW:

- Have someone read **1 John 2:15-17**. What does John mean by "the world" in these verses? How does his use of the word differ from its use in **John 3:16**? What does it mean to love the world?
- Compare John's warning against worldliness in verses **15-17** with what he says about the world elsewhere in the book. Check out verses **2:2; 3:13; 4:4-5; 5:4-5, 19**. What is the meaning of the word "world" in these verses?
- Verse **16** lists three categories of temptation in the world. What are these three categories? Give specific examples for the temptations each of these represent. Why are they such affronts to God?
- Why is loving the things of this world in opposition to loving God, the creator of the world? What are the consequences in our lives if we love the world? Remember, this is not referring to the people of the world, but rather, the sinful desires of the world.



SHOW:

- Read **Matthew 4:1-11**. How did Satan use each of these "worldly" values to tempt Jesus to sin? What does this teach us about the ways he tempts us to sin? Based on Jesus' response to Satan, what is the best way to fight back against these temptations?
- Read **Luke 12:34**. According to Jesus, where we invest reveals what our heart most values. Consider where you are investing your time, energy and resources. In what areas of your life are you tempted to allow the world to compete with your love for God?
- Remember, we are all in this together. This is the time to be open and vulnerable with your D-Group. In what area of your life does love for the world most often compete with love for God? What are some practical ways we can help each other, and our families, reject the sinful desires of this world and love God wholeheartedly?