

## Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: First John: Abide in Love (Week 4)—Do Not Love the World

Primary Text: 1 John 2:15-17

Expanded Reading: Matthew 6:19-21, Psalm 115, Romans 12:2

Big Idea: *John tells us not to love the world, but the best way of doing this is by loving God more.*

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### Engage

**How do you think that love of the world and love of God compete with one another?**

This question shouldn't take too much time, but should open people to conversation. Validate people's stories and gently invite responses.

- a. ***Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon?*** (You may want to be pre-prepared with the main points to supplement if your group is not able to)
- b. ***What stood out to you/challenged you/ made you think in the sermon?*** (this question could be moved to the deepen section)

### Learn

***Read the Primary Text***

- 1. *What does John mean by love?*
- 2. *How does love go wrong?*
- 3. *What are some ways we can 'fix' our love?*

### Deepen

***What questions did you want to ask when listening to the sermon?***

Leaders, allow people to wrestle with the text. Don't feel like you need to have all the answers, but in your preparation think about the questions that will arise and be prepared to point toward Jesus and the Scriptures for answers.

***What Scripture passages might inform these unanswered questions?***

### Live

*What will it look like to re-order your loves through the season of Lent?*

*Mission: Jesus says that we shouldn't telegraph our fasting or "we will have received our reward." Is there a way to talk about fasting with your nonbelieving friends that doesn't make you look good, but makes God look good instead?*