

Sermon Discussion

5 February 2023

Read 1 John 2:12-17 together.

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

- Why is it important first to reflect on what we have rather than starting with what we don't have?
- What are some ways that worldliness is often misunderstood? How should we understand worldliness, biblically? Give a definition.

Observation *Discovering the context*

In what ways is John contrasting the love for God and each other with the love for the world? What are some traps and pitfalls when it comes to the desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, and pride of possessions?

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

1. Why is motivation so important in Christian growth? How can we maintain it?
2. Why is knowing that you're forgiven so basic to the Christian life (see 2 Pet. 1:9)? Is there a danger of abusing this truth? If so, how?
3. How can a person who did not have a loving earthly father grow to appreciate God as heavenly Father?
4. How can you come to grips with what John is saying about how the love of the world leaves no room for the love of the Father?
5. John again brings in this word, abide. What are the requirements of abiding forever with God? What does that look like in action for our lives?

Application *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?
- Try memorising 1 John 2:15-17.
“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

– How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?