

Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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Who Do You Love

1 John 2:15–17

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CONNECT:

- What is something you looked forward to every year as a child? Why? How does looking forward to something in the future change your attitude and actions in the present?

GROW:

- Read Luke 9:61–62. In our first point, we learned that God expects full allegiance from His children. Jesus illustrates this idea in Luke 9:62. What are some ways that Christ-followers can be tempted to “look back” after putting their hand to the “plow” of serving Jesus? Why would someone who is constantly looking back not be “fit for the Kingdom of God?” What are some ways that you can be tempted to return to your pre-Christ lifestyle?
- Read 1 John 2:15–17. What does John mean by “the world” in these verses? How does his usage of the word differ from his usage in John 3:16? According to John, what is the final fate of all who belong to the world?
- According to 1 John 2:16, what are three telltale signs of being in love with the world? What are some ways that our culture champions these sinful approaches to living? In what area of your life does love for the world most often compete with or overtake your love for God?
- Read John 15:1–8. In our third point, we discovered that God expects fruitful obedience in the lives of all Christ-followers. According to John 15, why is it important to bear spiritual fruit? What kind of spiritual fruit should we expect to see in our lives as Christ-followers? How have you seen spiritual fruit in your life since placing your trust in Christ?

GO:

- What are some Biblical strategies for decreasing our love for the world and increasing our love for the Lord? (Look up: Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:1–2; Luke 7:44–47; Psalm 1; Colossians 3:1–4). Share one specific strategy you want to utilize this week!