

Specific Questions: Text: 1 John 2:15-17

1. John is writing to Christians at various stages of spiritual progress (children, young men, fathers). What are some ways believers at those stages would understand the concept of “loving the world”?
2. When John says “the love of the father is not in him” (v15) is he overstating the case or does he mean what he says? How do you absorb that in your life?
3. How would you explain the relationship between 1:5-7 and 2:15. In what realm do we live?
4. Suppose you were talking with a brand-new-Christian and they ask you to explain the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. What would you say?
5. How do we live in the world and not love it?
6. John wrote this letter late in the first century A.D. Why should the statement “the world is passing away” have an influence on our lives?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week’s text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don’t understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?