



Dig Deeper @Home – 1 John 2: 15-29

Complement to sermon on January 17

MEMORIZE

"We love because God first loved us" (1st John 4:19)

READ

Read 1 John 2: 15-29

Questions to ponder/discuss (1&2 are great for all, 3-5 for deeper study)

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What bad things happen to those who love the world?
 - a. Verses 15-17. What do we find out is impossible in this section?
4. John describes the world in three ways. Let's look at each.
 - a. What is "the desires(lust) of the flesh"?
 - b. What is "the desires(lust) of the eyes"?
 - c. What is "pride of life"?
5. How do we come to not love the world? (and love the Father instead?)

Bottom Line (one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of 1st John 2: 15-29. Feel free to use them or any you might come up with.

Explain the object

Materials needed: blindfolds

Put a blindfold on a person. Another person who isn't blindfolded gives them instructions to help them accomplish a task. Choose whatever task you like ... pouring a cup of water or coffee, setting the table, putting away a toy, maneuvering around a room without hitting anything, etc.

The point: it's one thing to hear the commands, it's another thing to hear and do them. With a blind fold, we are forced to depend on the one who sees clearly. How well do we listen to the One who truly sees clearly when we aren't blindfolded?

What is the point: This drives home the value of seeing, hearing and experiencing. We can proclaim with more passion and authenticity that which we experience first-hand.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might be compelled to sing)

Lord I Need You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlkxVMDY71I>

A great song to sing reminding that we need Jesus if we are to overcome the desires of the flesh, desires of our eyes and the pride of life

Come, Thou Fount (#310 Mennonite Hymnal) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYrTqBioaZ4>

A classic hymn declaring our need for God's grace

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, help us to abide with You by doing Your will as we go. Let us confess you Jesus as the Son of God, the Lord of our lives, by our words, our actions and our thoughts this week.