

1 John Under the Microscope | Loving the World

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🔍 Investigate:

Using the passage to the left, do the following to investigate the observable details of the passage:

- Underline references to the world.
- Circle all commands in the passage.

🗣️ Analyze:

Analyze the details to find the meaning of the passage through group discussion:

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How does this command relate to the other commands in 1 John to walk in the light? (v.15)

What does it mean to love the world? How do you know if you are loving or hating the world?

Why can't you love God and love the world at the same time?

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What does this passage teach about the nature and origin of the world around us? (v. 16)

What does this verse teach us are some of the signs that you are loving the world?

Why does God want us to chase him rather than the lust of our eyes and opportunities to boast about what we do or what we have?

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What will it take for you to build your life on the will of God rather than the desires of the world?

How will your life look different than your peers if you build it in this fashion?

How does this verse encourage you to take the necessary steps? (2:17)

 Synthesize:

Synthesize the message of Scripture with life through application.

Which parts of this passage challenged you the most?

Where are you struggling to love God rather than the world?

How can we as your small group help you take the necessary steps to chase the will of God?