

**DISCUSSION**

1. From what you know about the rest of the Bible’s teaching, why does John’s use of the word “world,” refer to the fallen world, not the physical creation or people in the world? Why is rightly understanding “world” in this passage important?
2. John makes a distinction between “the world” and “things in the world” (v. 15). How would you differentiate the world from the things in the world?
3. How does love for the world directly compete with love for God? Share personal examples that help support or explain your answer.
4. Three primary categories of “worldliness” are presented in v. 16. Which of these areas tempts you the most? When you are tempted in one of these areas, what desires or idols do you find your heart chasing?
5. What are some practical and spiritual tools that help you resist the temptation to walk in the flesh?
6. According to v. 17, what are the respective results of worldliness versus godliness? How can we use these truths to fight sinful temptations and desires when they arise?

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP**

1. What are some ways we know the world is against God's kingdom?
2. How can we follow God and resemble His kingdom rather than the world?
3. What are some ways you are tempted to disobey God?
4. How can we, as parents, help encourage you to obey God and fight sin?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Fighting the love of the world is not only an external battle. It's an internal battle as well. Think about internal sins or temptations that often lead to external disobedience to God. What are ways you can begin addressing these internal battles and pursue the will of God?
- Read 1 John 4:17. Though we are not to love the world, we are still to be in it and love those in it. Consider practical ways you can be involved in the world with a gospel-purpose this week.