

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 25-1

"WARNINGS"

READ 1 John 2:7-29

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ 1 John 2:7-11

2. a. Summarize these teachings about love:
Type of love (John 13:34,35)

Depth of love (John 15:12-17)

Truth of love (1 John 2:7-9)
- b. What have you experienced or observed about the love between Christians?
3. a. Love is a strong emotion. So is hate. How is hatred described in verses 9-11?
- b. Share with your group how you have seen love overcome hate or hatred drive out love in someone you know. Did Christianity or lack of it play any part?
- c. As a Christian, how do you think your light and love influence the world that is in darkness?

DAY 2 – READ 1 John 2:12-14

4. Consider the three ages mentioned as **maturity levels** of Christians rather than titles.
 - a. Why did John write to the children?
 - b. Why did he write to the young men?
 - c. Why did he write to the fathers?

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ 1 John 2:12-14

5. a. How do you think we can reach new maturity levels in Christ?

b. What do these Scriptures say about spiritual growth / maturity?
Ephesians 4:11-16

Hebrews 6:1,2

1 Peter 2:2

2 Peter 1:5-8

c. What are some things you learn about yourself in these verses?

DAY 3 – READ 1 John 2:15-17

6. a. John commanded the Christians to refrain from loving what two things?

b. What do we learn from James 4:4?

7. a. What kinds of temptations do Christians face today that are described in verse 16?
Be specific.

b. In what ways has God's love affected your attitude toward these desires?

8. a. What two things will pass away?

b. Who will live forever?

9. Consider everything John has said about the world. What does he mean by "the world"?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: