1. REVIEW

When you think of "the world," what does that mean to you? What is the first thing that comes to mind?

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Read 1 John 2:15-17. John specifically mentions three worldly pursuits here: desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, and the pride of life. How do each of these things directly oppose our love for God?

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Why are the things of the world so enticing? Read Psalm 31:19. Why are the things God has for us so much more desirable than what the world offers?

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2. ASSESS

Which of the three worldly pursuits mentioned in 1 John 2:15-17 do you struggle with most?

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Why did you make the choice that you did?

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As followers of Christ, our love for the world should be constantly decreasing while our love for God should progressively increase. What evidence do you have in your life that points to your love of the world decreasing? What’s changed in your life that points to an increasing love for God?

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3. APPLY

Pastor James mentioned some “moral fences” that are in place to protect our church staff from an increasing love for worldly things. What are some fences you need to put in place in your own life to protect you? Who will hold you accountable this week to get those in place?

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We can increase our love for God by increasing our love for others. How will you intentionally increase your love for others this week? Who in your group will hold you accountable to that this week?

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1A) World love is love gone wrong (v15a)
2A) World love is all about me (v16)
   1b) Me feel good
   2b) Me see/seize
   3b) Me look good
3) A) World love displaces Father love (v15b, 16b)
4A) World love is fleeting (v17)