

Community Group Leader Guide

June 28, 2026 | This We Know | Week 5 |

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Quick Recap

We're focusing on 1 John 2:15–17. Followers of Jesus are called to love people deeply without giving their hearts to the values, desires, and pride of a world opposed to God

Icebreaker Question

What is a food, team, show, or brand you are irrationally loyal to, even when it has let you down?

Starting Questions

1. Why do you think it can be difficult for Christians to know how to love people without adopting the values of the world around us?
 2. What are some ways our culture defines love differently than Scripture does?
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Deeper Questions

Read 1 John 2:15–17.

- John says, “**Do not love the world or the things in the world.**” Why is it important to understand that John is not telling us to hate people or reject God’s creation?
- Verse 15 says, “**If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**” Why do you think love for the world and love for the Father cannot peacefully coexist?
- What are some subtle ways the values of the world can begin shaping a believer’s heart without them realizing it?

Read 1 John 2:17 by itself once more.

- John says, “**the world is passing away,**” but whoever does the will of God abides forever. How should that reshape the way we think about success, comfort, popularity, money, or reputation?

- Jesus asks, “**What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?**” What are some ways people today are tempted to gain the world at the expense of their soul?
 - What is one thing that feels urgent right now but may not matter much in eternity?
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Action Steps

- Ask God to search your heart this week. Pray: “**God, is there any love for the world in me that is competing with my love for You?**”
 - Identify one area where you may be seeking approval from the world more than faithfulness to God.
 - Practice loving someone with both grace and truth this week. Ask God to help you move toward people with compassion without compromising conviction.
 - Choose one temporary thing you have been giving too much weight to, and intentionally re-center your attention on what will last forever.
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Prayer Requests

- Pray that our group would love people the way Jesus loves people.
 - Pray for courage to reject the values of the world without becoming harsh, proud, or self-righteous.
 - Pray for discernment to recognize the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life in our own hearts.
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Bonus Leader Content

Helpful framing: “**We are called to love what God loves and reject what pulls us away from Him.**” That sentence can help your group hold the tension without drifting into harshness on one side or compromise on the other.

Possible closing question: What is one area where you need God to help you live with more courage, more compassion, or both?