



Week 2 Message-Based Curriculum

Text: 1 John 2:7 – 2:17 ESV

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: In uncertain times, Jesus offers unshakeable certainty. This week, John shows us how certainty grows as we aim our love at what lasts.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- When you imagined **2025** a decade ago, what did you picture? What feels most different about the world today?

DISCOVER

Read 1 John 2:7-17 together

- Before we get rolling, what are some of the repeated words/ideas we see throughout the passage?
- Let's be open, honest, and vulnerable here: Where might hatred, resentment, or rivalry be blinding you (vv.9–11)?
- According to v.10, how does loving a brother/sister reduce “stumbling” in a community?
- In v. 15-17, John warns us to not pursue the pleasures of this world: the desires of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life.
 - Give some examples of each.
 - Why do you think John chooses these 3 pleasures?
 - Which of these are you most susceptible to?
 - How might Jesus want to reorient your desires?
- John writes v. 12-14 to reaffirm the church's status in Christ. How do you usually respond when you doubt your standing with God—do you try harder or rest deeper? What might gospel assurance look like in that moment?
- If you truly believed verses 12–14 about yourself, how would it change the way you live, love, or lead this week?

PRACTICE

- Choose **one** concrete practice to counter a false love:
 - **Against desires of the flesh:** *Fasting one meal* to feast on prayer (John 4:34).
 - **Against desires of the eyes:** *Gratitude audit*—write 10 thanks daily for things you can't buy.
 - **Against pride of life:** *Hidden service*—do one meaningful act anonymously.
 - **Abiding:** *Scripture by heart*—memorize **1 John 2:17** together.
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GROUP PRAYER

- Today we're going to pray out loud together. The leader will give a prompt, and someone else will hop in and pray aloud for it.
 - **Confession:** Have someone ask the Lord to forgive us for loving the wrong things.
 - **Assurance:** Thank God for loving us and forgiving our sins
 - **Intercession:** Ask God to remove the hate that blinds us and to restore broken relationships.
 - **Commission:** Ask for grace to abide and to love as Jesus loved.
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CLOSING

- Re-read 1 John 2:17 and give closing thoughts.
- Next week we'll be walking through 1 John 2:18-27.