



What Do You Love?

BIG IDEA

Fellowship with God changes what we love. As we walk in the light, God produces in us a growing love for His people and loosens the grip that the world's promises have on our hearts. The goal is not to try harder to want the right things, but to remain close to Jesus and let love for the Father reorder every other desire.

TALK IT OVER

- Read 1 John 2:3-9 — Interpretation: Walking in fellowship produces the desire and power to obey in us. How does God do this in us?
 - How did Jesus live that is different from us? How can we live like Jesus?
 - What does it mean that the “darkness is disappearing and the true light is already shining?”
- Read 1 John 2:9-11 — Interpretation: What is the difference between love and hate? Like vs do not like? How can we grow in love for all people so that there is nothing in us causing us to stumble?
 - Testimony: Has there ever been a time that God enabled you to forgive someone who did not deserve it? How did you get there? What did it feel like before and after?
- Read 1 John 2:15-17 — Interpretation: What are some examples of the three worldly cravings that John writes about? (Pleasure, Possessions, Position)
- Application: Which of the three do you struggle with the most? How are you actively trying to grow from them? What are you doing to surrender it to God?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Ask God to increase your love for Him and for others. Ask God to reduce your love for the things of this world.
- Pray for God's protection over those being baptized this week. Pray that God will put the right people in their path for discipleship.
- Pray that God continues to make a way for GCC to do Whatever it Takes