Use these questions in your Life Group gatherings or for further discussion as a family.

A DESTRUCTIVE LOVE | NOVEMBER 23, 2025

SERMON RECAP

John warns believers against a destructive love – an affection for the world's values that compete with and replace their love for God. These competing loves cannot coexist.

THE LEAD IN

 In what ways have we allowed worldliness to become normalized, even in Christian settings?

GETTING INTO THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 2:15-17. John instructs his readers to not love the world. The same John wrote in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world...". How do you reconcile this seeming contradiction?
- Verse 17 reminds us that the world will pass away. Does eternity affect your day-to-day life? Do you live differently knowing what is ahead or is it out of sight, out of mind?

GOING DEEPER

- John categorizes everything in the world in three categories: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Do you agree? Does the brokenness you see around you fit into these categories? Are these things evil themselves or are they good things that were allowed to become the ultimate thing, idols?
- Time to get real with each other: what lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, or prides of life have the strongest pull on you? What do you need from others to help you pursue godliness instead of worldliness?

PRAYER

 Ask God to purify your loves, strengthen your desire for Him, and expose the things in your life that have become idols.