

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on
Sunday, March 1, 2020

**Sure Thing: Testing the Genuineness
of Your Relationship with God**

Genuine Desires

1 John 2:15-17

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

personal study questions

Read: 1 John 2:15-17

The Bible describes three enemies that wage war against our soul: the world, the flesh and the devil. What does John say about each in John 2:1-17?

What is the “world” that John warns us against? How would you describe or define this “world”?

What are some symptoms that we love the world or the things in the world?

Why is the love of the Father not in the person who loves the world?

What are some symptoms that the love of the Father is in us?

Define and distinguish between these three: the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes and the pride of life.

How might you see these three elements present in Genesis 3 where Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden?

What are some specific temptations that relate to the desires of the flesh? What are some specific temptations that relate to the desires of the eyes? What are some specific temptations that relate to the pride of life?

What reasons does John give us for not loving the world or the things in the world?

In what way is the world passing away? Why is this a strong motivation to avoid loving it?

What does it mean to “do the will of the Father”?

How can we victoriously fight against the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life?