

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

1 JOHN - DO NOT THE WORLD-PT 2 - 07/27/2025

## COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Read and meditate on 1 John 2:17
- Spend a moment in silence to thank Jesus for rescuing us from what is temporary and leading us into what is eternal.

## REVIEW

- God created the world good, but human sin has corrupted our desires and priorities.
- Jesus teaches us to be “rich toward God,” not obsessed with what won’t last (Luke 12).
- "what you revere you resemble, either for ruin or restoration." – Greg Beale
- You cannot love the world and love God at the same time. These loyalties are mutually exclusive.
- Christians resist the world by: Receiving good gifts with gratitude, Resisting the seduction of idolizing them, Sharing joyfully with others in community.
- What matters most is not what you possess, but who you are becoming.
- The call is to abandon every fading loyalty and cling to Christ, who alone brings eternal life.

## DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you from this week’s teaching? Was there anything challenging, encouraging, or confusing to you?

**Read: 1 John 2:15–17**

2. What are some examples of “loving the world” that we see in our culture today? How do these show up in your own heart or habits?
3. Think about Lot and his wife—what do their responses to God's rescue tell us about hesitation vs. refusal in following God?
4. What practices can help us stay loyal to Jesus in a world constantly calling for our attention and affection?

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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MONDAY

Read: 1 John 2:15–17

**Reflection / Prayer:** Re-read these verses slowly. Can you see where the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes or the prideful boast of life are temptations in your life?

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TUESDAY

Read: Psalm 73:25–26

**Reflection / Prayer:** Where do you tend to look for strength or satisfaction outside of God? What would it look like to live today as if God truly is “the strength of your heart and your portion forever”? Pray for a heart that treasures God above everything else.

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WEDNESDAY

Read: Colossians 3:1–4

**Reflection / Prayer:** Where have your thoughts and desires been fixed lately? What practical steps can you take to shift your focus toward eternal things today? Pray for a renewed mindset shaped by heaven, not culture.

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THURSDAY

Read: Philippians 3:7–11

**Reflection / Prayer:** Paul considers all his past achievements and status as loss compared to knowing Christ. What things do you find yourself clinging to that might need to be surrendered? What would it look like for you to count everything as loss for the sake of gaining Christ today? Pray for the courage to let go of temporary glories and pursue lasting treasures.

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FRIDAY

Read: Revelation 18:2–5

**Reflection / Prayer:** John sees the fall of “Babylon” — a symbol of worldly power, wealth, and rebellion. God calls His people to come out from her. In what ways might you still be entangled with the world’s values? What might God be calling you to “come out” of in order to live more fully for Him? Pray for discernment and the resolve to walk away from what is passing and cling to what is eternal.