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## **PERSONAL GROWTH:**

What does your prayer life look like? How often do you pray? Is it a quiet place or a convenient place?

What does your Bible study time look like?

## **BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:**

I John 2:15-17 John 17:15 James 1:27 2 Peter 2:14 Ezekiel 28:17 Hebrews 4:15-16 Psalm 39:1-7

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

- · Read I John 2:15-17
- · What does it mean to the love the world and the tings of this world?
- · Read Matthew 6:19-21, what does Jesus say in these verses?
- · Read Exodus 32, what happened in this chapter?
- · Why did the Israelites build an idol, even though they had just witnessed and experienced the awesome power of God in the all the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea?
- · Are we really all that different from the Israelites? Have you experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ? Have you seen or experienced the hand of God in your life?
- · Do you still place things above God in your life? Do you place watching TV over prayer time?
- · Read Matthew 19:16-30. What happens in these verses?
- · Verse 29, is Jesus saying we should leave our families? Or is He saying that our love and devotion to Him should trump all other loves in this life? What happens with our relationships with our spouses, children, friends when we make Jesus #I?

## **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

- · Pastor Abraham started off his sermon with this question, "Have you ever loved something that is bad for you?" How would you respond to that? What was it and why?
- · Pastor Abraham speaks of living within our fallen world but not loving it. How does that play out in your life on a day to day basis?
- · How do we stay relevant in our culture without pursuing or partaking in those things that we know are displeasing to God? Is it important to stay relevant in our culture?
- · Why or why not?



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- · Read James I:27, how does the world corrupt you? Let's go the place no one wants to go right now, politics. Regardless of where you stand on the political spectrum, are your activities, speech and social media posts glorifying God? Or are you allowing the politics of the day (again, this applies across the entire spectrum) to corrupt you and your witness? Read Galatians 5:19-26, is the world corrupting you or are you promoting love, peace, kindness, gentleness, etc...?
- · What are the three realities of loving the world?
- · What physical cravings/pleasure do you pursue? Read I Corinthians 6:19-20. Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery (Galatians 5:19) are the ideas many think of when they think about physical cravings. But what about gluttony? What about physically taking care of the temple that you have been given? (No, that does not mean you have to have a body builders or models physique).
- · Paul said in Philippians 4:II-I3 that he has learned to be content in everything. What are you "lusting" after with your eyes? New car, house, job, promotion, etc...?
- · Pastor Abraham said, "If we live trying to pursue the world, we will never have enough.
- · We will always want more." Why is that? What does this look like in our lives?
- · What is pride?
- · Do you desire for people to celebrate you? To talk about you and say how great you are at XY or Z?
- · What is the difference between true humility and false humility? Do you know anyone who is truly humble in Christ? How do they act? What makes them stand a part?
- · How do we combat physical pleasure, lust and pride?
- · What is the reward for not loving the world?
- · Pastor Abraham said, "Don't focus on all that you can't have. Focus on what you can have." How difficult is it to live the Christian life by focusing on those things you can't have? What changes when we focus on the promises of God instead?
- · How are you going to make time to read "God's love letters" to you?