

# “What NOT to Love”

1 John 2:15-17

## But doesn't God love the world?

The “world” (kosmos):

- The entire universe
- The earth
- The entire population (or most of it)
- Ethical/moral/spiritual system

John 3:16; John 17:14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10

**God does not want us to \_\_\_\_\_ from the world; God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ the world**

Genesis 1:31 Genesis 2:20-25...Genesis 4:19

### What NOT to love...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that will not last

→ Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that do not satisfy

→ Galatians 5:19-23

3. \_\_\_\_\_ that will only fade

→ Luke 14:8-11

# SO WHAT?

**You are what you \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Taking it home for community...**

1. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What kinds of things do we find so attractive in/of the world?
2. What does it mean to be “in the world, but not of the world?” See John 17:14
3. Does God not want people to enjoy life? Compare Galatians 5:19-23. Contrast the two lists of potential sources of joy/pleasure.
4. When might it be wrong to seek success (i.e. accumulate possessions, wealth, etc. and achieve goals, etc.)?
5. Why is loving the things of the world wrong? How is it dangerous?
6. SO WHAT? See 1 Corinthians 9:23-27. Note that Paul does not disparage those who compete and win in “the games.” What can we do in order to be “more competitive” in the realm of the Spirit, that is, on behalf of the Kingdom of God? What is the “prize” we should be striving for?