



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2023 | LOVE AND WAR: STILL STANDING

## WARM-UP QUESTION

If you had an unlimited budget, where would you choose to travel?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 John 2:15-17

- What does it mean to love the world in the context of John's writing?
- What is the difference between the "world" and "worldliness?"
- What does verse 17 tell us about why we shouldn't make things of this world ultimate?
- As Christians, what should we be known for? How can we stand out from the world?
- Do you think it is possible to live in the world without being influenced by its values and desires? How can you balance engaging with the world and abiding in and seeking God?
- In your life, when has a focus on the world taken the place of your focus on God?

Read John 3:16

- How did God love the world? What character attributes describe God's heart in how he loves?
- How does the truth that God loved the world in this verse fit into the truth of what John calls us to in 1 John 2:15-17?

Read Matthew 6:31-33

- What worldly concerns do these verses mention? Do you relate to any of them?
- How does seeking the kingdom first put our worldly concerns into perspective?
- How can you seek God's kingdom each day? How can your group encourage you in seeking God?

## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.