

## Prayer List:

## My challenge for this week:

## More Resources for personal and group use:

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### *A little about Westwood Church...*

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



### GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



### GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



### GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



Date: March 24, 2019

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17

Series: Living in the Light

What is truth and how do we live in light of that truth? What does it mean for a follower of Jesus to “walk in the light?” Let’s explore together, “how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him,” (1 John 4:9) and experience living in the light.



## 1 John Overview:

**Author and Date:** John the Apostle, one of the original 12 disciples and known as the “Apostle of Love.”

Written between 60-90 A.D.

**First readers and their location:** Christians in Ephesus and Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).

**Ephesus the city:** Ephesus had a population of around 300,00, was a leading trade centre in the Roman Empire, and was the centre of worship for the pagan goddess Diana.

**Why was it written?:** 1 John was written primarily to combat false teaching that had shown up in the church. False teachers were denying that Jesus had a real physical body and was fully human. They were also denying that Jesus was the Messiah. These teachings lead to believers minimizing the seriousness of sin. John wrote to correct these lies.

## Open-up

If you had to answer the question, “What is most important to you in life?” How would you answer? Based on what you would like it to be? Based on how it is now?



### **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”**

**Read: 1 John 2:15-17**

**What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)**

What does John mean by world in this passage? (World can be understood as the earth, humanity, or a system of belief and behavior). How does this contrast with John 3:16?

How does Matthew 6:19-24 help you understand this passage?

What are the three qualities of someone who loves the world? (Lust can be understood as unhealthy craving or desire for something).



### **Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”**

What do you think worldliness looks like in the life of a follower of Jesus today? What would you say it looks like in your life? (Use I statements)

Why do you think the three qualities mentioned in verse 16 go against what God’s will is? (See Ephesians 2:1-10 for insight) Which of three do you find particularly challenging?

Why do you think we are so easily distracted by the things that pull us away from God? What has been helpful in your life to combat this?

A question can be asked, “In light of eternity, does \_\_\_\_\_ matter?” What are some things you put in the blank for your life? (Think about both good and bad things)

### **Other Application Questions:**

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



### **Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”**

How would it look if we were a church that focused on enjoying life as God intended it? What do you think the world would notice? What can you do about it?