

Life Group Study Notes

October 9, 2022

This Week's Message
Worldly Warning
John 17:15-19; 1 John 2:15-17



The Bible teaches that there are three forces intent on making life messy. The more aware we are of their tactics, the better we can protect ourselves from their attacks. The third warning is against what the Bible calls; the world.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What is a key takeaway from last week's study (Hint: it was on the flesh)?
2. What definition was given for the "world" and why is the distinction important?

A system of _____ that are integrated into the mainstream and institutionalized in a _____ by the _____ of _____ and a _____.
3. What is the destructive nature of "herd mentality", and how does it perpetuate the negative messaging of our culture?

Read John 17:15-21 and 1 John 2:15-17

4. What two biblical stories are alluded to in the passage from 1 John? How are those stories related?
5. Why is the prayer of Jesus in John 17 considered a "convergence" passage?
6. What does it mean that we are living in a Post-Christian culture? How does it fit with the imagery of "exiles in Babylon"?
7. Messy Life – Recognizing the Enemies

The enemy of all is the _____ and his _____, using the _____ as his _____, with _____ as the individual _____.
8. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss on this topic?

My Personal Journey

1. How has this study raised your awareness of the enemies lies?
2. What personal friends or family members that you care about are under the influence of the three enemies? How can you pray for them?

Additional Notes

Coming Next Week – Part 5 of our Series, *Messy Life*

Let it Go

2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalm 34:18

The pain of the past can fuel our present and future in unhealthy ways. How do we learn to use our pain as a means for growth, and not as a means for bitterness or hatred?

Series Summary

Messy Life: Finding Our Way Back to the Stress-Free Zone
(10 Part Series)

We are born with this expectation that life should be perfect, but soon learn that life is messy and unpredictable. What if a messy life is really an invitation to something greater and potentially more hopeful?

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