

DUCKS AND HOT TUB RELIGION

With Pastor Ted Lawler

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SERVING FAIR TODAY!

Join Us **TODAY** Right After Service for our **Serving Fair**, where you can meet leaders, ask questions, learn more about the different ministry opportunities where you can **take your next step in faith** and get plugged in!

GPS MEETING MARCH 3RD

Join us on **Monday the 3rd at 7PM** here at the church for our quarterly GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy) Meeting. We'll have a time of worship, prayer, and looking ahead to see where God is moving us forward as a church. Childcare will be provided. **Please let us know on your Connection Card** if you plan to join us and what your childcare needs are, so we can plan accordingly.

BAPTISM, PARENT DEDICATIONS, & PICNIC!

On **March 9th** we are having a **Baptism** as well as **parent's publicly dedicating themselves** to raise their children in the Gospel! Afterward, we'll celebrate with a **Picnic on the grassy field!** If you haven't been baptized, would like to participate in the dedications, or would like more info on either, **write it on your Connection Card and drop it off at the Connection Booth!**

MEN'S MINISTRY - MARCH 24TH

We're launching our **Men's Ministry** led by Pastor Jobey on Monday, March 24th! We will meet **every other Monday at 7PM**. The location is To Be Decided based on the size of the group. So **PLEASE help us plan by signing up** at the Connection Booth TODAY!

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **junior highers (7th & 8th graders)** meet in the last classroom by the blacktop. They will join the adults for worship as a group, then head back to their class for the rest of service.

Our **high school students** stay in service with the adults each week.



SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **1 John 2.15-17**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

Read **Proverbs 27.20**. How does this verse add to the warning of not loving the things of the world? _____

In what areas of your life do you feel the world pulling you toward? Some "probing" questions might be asking yourself what brings you anxiety, what do you think of the most, what do you desire the most, what do you spend the most money on, what do you think you need to be truly happy, or what would you use to fill in the blank of "if only I had _____, then I will be happy." _____

We have talked a lot about the "chains" that keep you linked to the anchor of the Gospel. What are the three primary chains that do that? _____

Now read **Hebrews 3.13**. Which "chain" here is in view, and how does it help us to keep our eyes and minds off of the things of the world? _____

What's a real example in your life where someone, or a group of people, helped confront you as you were being deceived in sin, and they helped you see it? _____

How can you continually build up a distaste for the things of the world? _____

Jobey has said before, "the more you taste the Gospel, the more you love it." The solution for greed isn't to actually get more money, and the solution for lust is not to get the experience you are desiring. How, then, do we see *real* victory and freedom from these temptations and sins? _____

When thinking about the areas in your life where you are prone to desiring the things of the world and hot tub Christianity, what parts or promises of the Gospel are you *not* believing, keeping you from thinking the lie is better or "needed" for real joy? _____
