

The World

Main Scripture: Acts 2:38-41

Additional Scripture: Exodus 32:28, John 3:16, John 18:36 John 15:19-20,
James 4:4, 1st John 5:19, Acts 2:42, Romans 12:1-2, 1st John 2:15

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike said that his biggest desire is to see the 21st century church reclaim the Kingdom reality of the 1st century. What do you think this would look like? How would that Kingdom reality express itself in our lives today?
- “If you fit into this world, there’s a problem.” How do you personally “fit” into this world? What are some actions that you can take to be in the world but not of it?
- “The world changes every generation. It is a moving target.” Describe how the world looks to your generation. What are some of the bigger snares that the world of your generation tries to trap you in? Discuss how to avoid these.
- **Read 1st John 5:19.** The question is not whether or not you are being disciplined; it is matter of who is discipling you. The world does have a sway, so how does the world sway/disciple us? Give some examples.
- Pastor Mike said that “At some point, your Jesus will go against this world. The world isn’t going to congratulate you for being a disciple.” Share some testimonies of when this was the case in your own life.
- Pastor Mike talked about how Thomas Jefferson had a Bible that was full of holes because when he didn’t like something, he simply cut it out! We hear this and think it is preposterous, but what are some of the points, theology, or Scripture passages that you conveniently avoid? (Be honest!)
- **Read Acts 2:38-47.** The only way to avoid the sway of the world is to devote ourselves to the Word, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer.
 - What do you think the everyday life of a disciple looked like based on these passages?
 - How does that translate into our day and time?

Doing: Application

- Take what you discussed in the last point about Acts 2:42-47 and try to apply that to your life this week. Come back next week and discuss how that affected your week.