



Blessed Assurance | Sunday, March 01, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: What is one of your most prized possessions, and why is it valuable to you?*

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

SPRING SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

OIKOS, BIG BLUE, and MATTHEW PARTY: Click [HERE](#) for three simple but powerful ways to engage missionally with unbelievers as a group. Make plans with your group to try each one sometime this Spring and let us know how it goes!

HELP SHORT TERM MISSION GOERS: Every short term mission goer needs support: prayer, encouragement, and financial. Choose a goer (or family) from [THIS LIST](#) and commit as a group to support them. Make sure to add your group's name to the list, as we hope to have each goer adopted by a home group.

ALPHA COMETS: Alpha Comets helps UT Dallas international students experience community and explore life's big questions. Help them learn about Jesus and engage the gospel by praying and providing a meal. Learn more and sign up [HERE!](#)

Read God's Word Aloud

1 John 2:15-17

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.



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Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

- The original Greek word translated “love” in verse 15 is *agape*. It's the kind of love that is rooted in who God is and what he's done. How does that definition of love shape your understanding of these verses?
- What does it mean that “the world is passing away along with its desires”? (vs 17)
- Where else in Scripture does God teach us about the differences between this world and his kingdom?
- Verse 16 provides three categories – “desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life” – that are from the world, not from God. What is an example of each?
- Which of those categories is most tempting or difficult for you?
- What is the promise God provides at the end of verse 17, and how does it impact you?



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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God for kindly and clearly pointing out the difference between the world that is perishing and his eternal kingdom. Worship him for offering us wisdom about both and divine access to the latter.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – there is only one kingdom in which we want to live, one set of desires we want to have, and one Being we want to know and obey. Help us each day to clearly see the world of darkness and death and walk in your kingdom of light and life.

Have someone read Ephesians 5:15-17. Ask the Holy Spirit to kindly and clearly point out where your desires are errant. Then pray for one another to be filled more and more by the Holy Spirit, and to desire less and less the things of this world.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for January

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35 (ESV)