

**United Church of Marco Island**

**John's Letters Fall 2019 Bible Study**

**Study # 3: Tuesday, October 15th @10AM**

**I John 2: 12-17 “Encouragement and Warning”**

1. Why would John want to give a word of encouragement at this point in the letter (v. 12-14)?
2. Who is represented by the three groups being addressed (v.12-14)? Why are each of these three groups important for the Christian fellowship?
3. What is the source of our victory over the evil one (v. 13-14)?
4. What is John's warning against worldliness (v. 15-17)? What is the meaning of the word “world” here?
5. What is the first reason we are not to love the world (v. 15-16)?
6. How does this realization lessen the appeal of the world in our lives?
7. What are the three worldly desires in verse 16 and how are they at work in our world?
8. What is the second reason we are not to love the world? (v. 17)
9. How does this realization lessen the world's appeal in your life?
10. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, what ought to be the relationship between the church and the world and what does this relationship look like in light of this scripture passage?