

Community group questions
1 John 2:12-17

Opening question: As a kid, what were some things you looked forward to about growing up?

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 2:12-14. If we are to see these as three designations, what are the three groups John addresses? Discuss positive aspects of each stage (new believers, mature, middle-agers). What are some unique challenges to each stage? What is it that John reminds the new believers of and why?
- Read Hebrews 5:11-14. What does this say about the stages of spiritual growth? What is required to grow up to maturity? Discuss spiritual training and what that looks like. What spiritual disciplines have become habits in your life and which ones do you struggle with?
- In 1 John 2:14, what are the young men commended for? What is it that we all need to be victorious in the battles of life?
- Read 1 John 2:15-16. What does John mean by the world? What are the three descriptions of the world and what are the similarities and the differences between these descriptions? How are we to live in the real world without loving the world? (see also 1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- How does verse 1 John 2:17 give perspective to how we are to live our days? What are some practical ways we can give ourselves to the eternal over the temporal?