

John 15:18-16:4a
How's the Heat?

The World's Response to Jesus: _____ (v. 18)

The World's Response to Us

1. Walk in the light, expect _____ (v. 18)
2. Walk in the darkness, expect _____ (v. 19a)

If the World loves you . . . ask yourself, why?

If the World hates you

In matters of allegiance there is *no middle ground*.

Why is the world against us?

- 1) On account of Jesus' name (v. 21a)
- 2) Because they do not know God (v. 21b)
- 3) Their sins are exposed (v. 22)

How should we respond? (16:1-4) Be Prepared

The Battle for the Human Heart

- 9% of Americans have a biblical world-view
- 19% of born-again Christians have a biblical world-view

How should Christians react to culture? Common choices:

- 1) Fight culture and appeal to tradition; problem: only alienates culture more
- 2) Engage culture in conversation and dialogue; problem: never really get very far
- 3) Modify the church so that it is more inline with the prevailing culture; problem: compromises the Christian ethic.

Three big problems in the world-view of our culture:

- 1) **Pluralism:** many ideas, all are acceptable; no absolute truth.
- 2) **Relativism:** truth depends on each person; no absolute truth.
- 3) **Secularism:** God is no longer part of society.

How do we respond to these major trends in our culture?

- 1) **Don't sit passively by and watch the world go to hell.**
- 2) **Be penetrating salt and undying light** (1 Peter 2:12).
- 3) **Change one person at a time.**
- 4) **Be part of God's solution.**
- 5) **Be prepared.**

Reflection Question: *How do you see some of the ideas shared by the pastor today being present in our society at large, our local town, and in your own life?*

For the Doodlers: Draw a graphic logo of today's message and what God is saying to you.