

Launch – Read 1 John 4:1-6. Discuss what means by, “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

There are two spirits working in the world today, the Spirit of God, and the spirit of the world. The spirit of the world is basically the fleshly spirit.

- Believers are to operate out of the Spirit of God. By doing this, we shed the light of God in the world around us.
- Read **Romans 12:1-2** – Discuss what conforming to the world looks like compared to being transformed by the Living God.
- Read **Romans 8:5-8** – Discuss how living in the flesh cannot please God while living in the Spirit produces life and peace.
- When we set our hearts, minds, and lives on the Spirit of God, we change the atmosphere around us. Others see the life of peace and joy that comes from walking in the Spirit of God.

Explore – Discuss how the spiritual atmosphere is changed when believers apply the following verses to their lives.

Colossians 3:2-5 = When we set our minds on the things of God, sinfulness is put to death. This does not mean that we will never sin again, but we will sin less and less.

Colossians 3:12-17 = Notice, when believers (the elect of God), set their minds on things above, spiritual fruit grows in abundance!

- Psalm 1:1-3
- Galatians 5:16-26

Ephesians 5:15-21 = Circumspectly means, “accurately, or precisely with great care.” When we live and behave the way God wants us to, God is glorified, our fellowship with one another is sweet, and people take notice.

Apply – What atmosphere do you bring to the table to the people around you? Take a minute to reflect on your own words, actions, and behaviors. Do you make people comfortable or guarded when they are around you?

- No one wants to admit that we create a negative atmosphere from time to time. This happens when we operate out of our flesh.
- What verse from our lesson created an “aha” moment for you to apply to your life?

Prayer – Ask God to use you to change the atmosphere for godliness with the people around you.