

Family Group Questions

FG Questions: John 15:18 - 16:4

Main Point: Jesus warned us about persecution so that we could place our faith, hope, and love in Him.

Case Study:

You are a missionary to a country that is hostile towards the Gospel. You have returned home to the United States for a few weeks. How do you ask your fellow believers to pray for you?

The Word:

1. Read John 15:20, Matthew 5:11-12, and James 1:2-4. It is possible to rejoice in trials. What would help you to rejoice in attacks against you for your faith?
2. Read John 15: 21-24, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:4. How is the gospel offensive to non-believers?
3. Read John 16:2. A time will come when people will think that, in killing Christians, they are offering a service to God. In this historic context, who is Jesus referring to? What groups of people might this passage pertain to today?

The World:

1. Ghandi said, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." What false assumption does Ghandi make?
2. Where are some places in the world where Christians are killed for their faith? What daily struggles would this create?
Take a moment to pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith.
3. In what ways might the world's approval be a red flag in your faith walk?

The Application:

1. What trials are you facing, where your faith can be put on display?
2. How does the world deal with challenges and obstacles? What does the Bible say that we should do in response to our challenges?
3. Jesus is the source of our strength, through power of the Holy Spirit, and by the decree of the Father. How will these truths encourage you to persevere through future trials?