
GROUP DISCUSSION

The Day Before the Day
John 15:16-16:4 Pastor Lance Ainsworth
March 7th & 10th , 2024
Purpose in Persecution

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite underdog story?

Read Aloud: John 15:16-16:4

1. v. 19 “but I chose you out of the world.” Did God choose you out of the world like the disciples? If He chose us out, what did He bring us into? What primary values differ from the world’s system and God’s Kingdom?
2. Acts 5:40-41 “ 40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. 41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.” Have you experienced persecution because of your belief in Jesus? What is the difference between persecution and criticism? Why did the disciples rejoice in persecution?
3. v. 1 “These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.” Jesus warns the disciples of future suffering. How does expecting persecution keep us from stumbling? If you could ask the disciples one question, what would it be?
4. “The people at GateWay responded.” How can we engage the world Jesus died for? Who needs to hear and see your testimony? How does abiding in Jesus help us engage the world?