



## John 15:18 - 16:4

### Getting Started

What has encouraged you this past week?

### Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon?

Why do you think the world hated Jesus and why such hatred toward his devoted followers?

Have you experienced persecution for your faith? How do you feel knowing you could suffer for your faith?

How have you seen our world become more polarized and divisive, especially toward Christians? How do we show love to the world without compromising truth?

Why is knowing The Holy Spirit so necessary for Christians especially in the context of persecution?

### As you go

The only way to avoid persecution as Christians is to follow the world, not Jesus. Where are you favoring the things of this world over the things pertaining to Christ? What do you need to eliminate in your life to have a purer devotion to Jesus?

### Prayer

These are heavy words from Jesus: *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.”* Take time to share any fears or concerns you have regarding this truth and pray for God to prepare your hearts and strengthen your resolve for the reality of suffering for your faith. Pray also that you would be a bold and loving witness for Jesus in a hostile world.

