

Persecuted Church Sunday – It's About Disciple Making

November 6, 2022

A Suffering Theology: Luke 21:12-19

1. Persecution, in some form, is _____
2. Persecution can become quite intense.
3. Persecution is rarely about _____
4. Persecution is used by God to spread the Good News.
5. We are never _____, even in persecution.
6. _____ will overcome! He will triumph over all!

Text: Romans 1:8-15

Introduction:

Big Idea: Making disciples of Jesus Christ ought to grip our lives.

1. A life lived to make disciples of Jesus Christ is fueled by a _____ heart (8)
2. Disciple-making relationships are birthed through _____ (9-10)
3. Disciple-making relationships are never just one sided but _____ (11-12)
4. A disciple-making mindset _____ expectantly (13)
5. A life motivated to make disciples for Jesus has been energized by the _____ (14-15)

Truth Into Action:

- Jesus always re-creates one's life through the gospel. **BE THANKFUL!**
- Paul lived his life to make disciples of all people. **LIVE YOUR LIFE TO MAKE DISCIPLES!**

SERMON CONNECT CARD (Go on the FBC app and complete the digital card at the CONNECT tab or complete a paper card)

- Who are you currently helping to become a disciple of Jesus?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Share a story of someone encouraging you or share a story of how you encouraged another person recently.

1. Paul talks about preaching the gospel to reap a harvest. Who preached the gospel to you to help you become a Christian?

2. Paul intends to visit the Christians in Rome so they can strengthen and encourage one another. How can group members help do the same for one another?

3. What are the kinds of people Paul is obligated to minister to in 1:13–15? Which people has God placed in your life to minister to? Are there any that you would rather not? How does Paul's example motivate you to accept the call from God to be committed to ministering to them?

4. Paul starts with a prayer of thanksgiving. Spend some time as a group sharing things you are thankful for and then pray for one another.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive us for being so busy that we forget the most important things in life. God, help us to become people who specialize in relational ministry. May we begin to see that our interruptions are your opportunities. In Jesus name.