



How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your small group, your family, or on your own.

Main Idea:

If you are a Christ-centered family, you will be persecuted.

Key Questions:

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- What types of persecution have you endured as a result of striving to have a Christ-centered family and life?
- What steps might you need to take to better prepare your family for persecution?

Optional Questions: If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

- With your Bible, read and discuss Matthew 5:10-12, John 15:18-20, 1 Corinthians 4:12, and 1 Peter 4:12-16.
- How would you describe your family identity? Is it strong or weak? Explain.
- "Don't worry when you are persecuted. Worry when you are not." How does that statement make you feel?
- Describe a time when your family endured persecution. How did it affect your family? Did it make your family stronger or weaker?
- What's your vision for your family? What's one thing you've learned from this series that will help you accomplish that vision?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week to help your family prepare for persecution?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Prepare your family for the persecution they will face by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: Matthew 5:10-12

Day 2: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Day 3: John 15:18-25

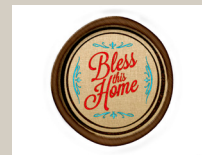
Day 4: 1 Corinthians 4:12

Day 5: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Day 6: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Day 7: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



During this series, we encourage you and your family to take advantage of the free resources available under the Family and Children sections of <https://redeermq.org/resources>. You will find links to other weeks of Talk It Over, the Bless This Home Family Activity Guide that features fun activity ideas you can do with the entire family, and weekly Sunday school lessons.

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