

Key Scriptures	Questions for Reflecting and Group Discussion
<p><i>Matthew 7:24-25, 5:10-11</i> <i>2 Timothy 3:12</i> <i>John 15:18-20</i> <i>1 Corinthians 4:12</i> <i>James 1:2-3</i> <i>1 Peter 4:12-14, 16</i> <i>Mark 10:45</i></p> <p><u>The Big Idea</u></p> <p>We are not just a "Christian family."</p> <p>We are a <u>Christ-centered</u> home.</p>	<p>Have you ever been ridiculed for something you believed?</p> <p><i>Read Matthew 7:24-25, Matthew 5:10-11</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever been persecuted because of your righteousness or religious beliefs? Did you feel blessed? <p><i>Read 2 Timothy 3:12, John 15:18-20</i> In what ways can you expect and/or prepare for persecution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways does our current culture not embrace Christian values? • How does Nate’s statement, “He’s gone through space and time to chase you, He’s called you.....and when that happens, the World hates you,” make you feel? <p><i>Read 1 Corinthians 4:12, James 1: 2-3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does enduring persecution shape a person? How as a Christian can we help others endure persecution? • Discuss Nate’s statement, Your identity is shaped by who you love. When family is strong, peer pressure is weak, and when family is weak peer pressure is strong?” <p><i>Read 1 Peter 4:12-23, 1 Peter 4:14, 1Peter 4:16 and Mark 10:45</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think others see Jesus through your actions? • How does Jesus shape your identity, or do you tend to shape it own your own? • In what ways do you serve when its hard? <p>LIVE IT OUT: Check out the Voice of the Martyrs website Reflect: Who in my life can speak truth to me? Do people see Jesus in my actions? Is Jesus really who shapes my identity? How can I serve, even when its hard?</p> <p><i>Pray: Dear God, help me to expect, endure and embrace persecution. Give me the strength to persevere and be shaped by such trials. Please put somebody in my life who can speak truth to me or allow me to be that person in another’s life. Please bless me home and guide me toward a Christ centered family. Amen.</i></p>