



**WELCOME** Who did you vote for in the Chili Cook-Off?

**WORSHIP** “Word of God Speak” by Mercy Me

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JK\\_6osCH74](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JK_6osCH74)

**WORD** [Matthew 10:16-28](#), [Matthew 24:10-14](#), [2Timothy 4:1-5](#)

1. **What stood out to you the most and why?**
2. **Read Matthew 10:16-28. This passage is about persecution in the world.** Christians will be persecuted, not for being Christians, but for their fidelity to God’s Word. What were 3 examples Pastor Bryan shared of persecution?
  - Should Christians engage politically? Why or why not?
  - Discuss the effects of ESG (Environmental Social Governance) on a personal level. What impact could ESG have on Christians?
3. **Read Matthew 24:10-14. This passage is about persecution in the Church, the main point.** Share what stood out to you about this passage and what Pastor Bryan preached regarding his main point.
  - Love and truth are tethered together. To turn away from the truth and not espouse it (due to fear of\_\_\_\_) is selfishness. What fears do we need to surrender to God so that we can endure and stand firm? Share if you desire.
  - How can we prepare “that time” (v. 10) when persecution comes within the church? Inversely, how can we guard against becoming the ones persecuting those God sent to tell the truth?
4. **Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5.** Paul wrote this to pastor/teacher Timothy, and it is what Pastor Bryan feels God is saying to him. What stood out to you during this portion of the message?
  - How does this passage rebuke, correct, and/or encourage you? Share if you desire.
5. How will you “get ready...”? What is your biggest takeaway from the message and how will you apply it to your life as a member within the church, and as a witness out in the world?

**WITNESS** This week, as you are led by the Holy Spirit, espouse the Truth of God’s word with love and patience --and without fear.