



February 16th/17th | Craig Smith: Three R's (John 15:18-27)

1. What is a form of persecution you have experienced in your life? What was your reaction?
2. How do you respond to the statement: *Persecution is inevitable for those whose faith is public?*

//Read John 15:18-27//

3. In what sense are Christians made into *strangers* in the world because of their faith in Jesus?
4. Why is persecution a natural part of a Christian's life?
 - a. How does this realization change the way you respond to persecution?
 - b. Do you think persecution is a privilege for Christians? Why or why not?

Remember that persecution is proof of our connection to Jesus.

5. Why do you think Jesus spent a significant portion of his farewell speech talking to his followers about persecution?
6. Consider Matthew 19:29. What long term promises can you cling to when you face persecution in your life?
7. Consider Romans 14:21-23. Why is faith an essential element to defeating sin's power in your life?

Reveal your faith, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

8. Why is faith an essential element in revealing the truth of the gospel to the world?
9. How is it that we work with the Holy Spirit in revealing the truth about Jesus?
10. In what ways are you looking to the world for love that is cannot provide?
11. What is one step you can take this week to grow in faith that will help you cooperate with the Holy Spirit's desire to reveal the gospel through you?

Leaders: Record your group engagement via the MHC app.