



**Better, Not Easier  
September 16, 2018**

**John 15:18-25; 16:1-4**

**If I Consistently Identify With Jesus...**

**1. Hardship is Inevitable**

**Matthew 5:10-11**

**2 Timothy 3:12**

**2. I No Longer Belong to Myself**

**John 15:19**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**1 Corinthians 2:2**

**3. I Respond to Opposition As Jesus Did**

**John 15:20**

**James 16:1**

**1 Peter 4:12-16**

**Home/Group Study**

“I put all my hope in a third day God. But I live in a second-day world.”

— John Ortberg, *Faith & Doubt*

1. What do you think it means that Jesus makes life better but not necessarily easier?
2. Have you ever been hated or rejected for following Jesus? Explain
3. Rejection can come from rightly following Jesus OR it can come from simply being obnoxious. How can you tell the difference?
4. About to go to the cross, Jesus tells His disciples, “If you follow Me, you will experience what I’ve experienced.” Why do we tend to downplay and even reject that idea today?
5. The third day is the day of resurrection and new life. The second day is a day of despair, fear, and suffering. How do you allow the day two to be informed by day 3?