

# PERSECUTION

8 WORDS FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS  
FAMILY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

LET'S TALK!

Revelation 2:8-11

**#1 Fact of Persecution:** Persecution/Suffering is an unavoidable reality for the Christian. **2 Timothy 3:12, John 16:33**

- Have you ever faced persecution? If so, when and how?
- Have you ever suffered as a Christian? If so, when and how?

\*If you are willing, share or write out a testimony of your suffering/persecution and how God worked through it.

**#2 Design of Persecution:** Persecution is designed to create a faith that produces. **James 1:2-3, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Genesis 50**

- The Scripture teaches that persecution, while an act of Satan himself, is still squarely within the palm of our Sovereign God. How does knowing, believing and resting in this truth help you in the middle of your suffering?
- Why is God's truth essential for confronting and correcting our perspective?

**#3 Duration of Persecution:** Persecution is not forever, it has its limits. **Revelation 21:4**

- How does knowing that Jesus will one day wipe away every tear bring comfort in the midst of trial?

**#4 Destiny of the Persecuted:** Persecution can bring physical death, but ultimately it gives birth to eternal life! **Romans 8:15-17**

- How does focusing on our ultimate destiny help us face persecution/suffering?

**What Do We Do? 3 Applications (and none of them are easy)**

- **Do not fear - Revelation 2:10**
  - What are some practical ways to fight fear?
- **Endure - Revelation 2:10**
  - What does it look like to endure, to remain faithful to Jesus in the middle of suffering?
- **Bless don't curse - Revelation 12:14**
  - How do you fight the temptation to curse your enemies rather than blessing them?
  - It is in our nature to retaliate. How do we respond in the love and kindness of God when we are persecuted?