



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF 3.10.2024 | YOU WILL BE HATED

WARM-UP QUESTION

Have you ever shared your faith? If so, how did it go?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read John 15:18-25

- Has there been a time where you held back or were scared to share your faith? What do you think held you back? What fears did you have?
- What do you think of when you hear the word persecution? What are some ways we see this persecution in the Bible? What ways do we see persecution in the global church?
- To persecute means to harass or annoy, not only killed or thrown in prison. What does persecution look like living in a western culture? What does (or could) it look like in your life?
- Read verses 20-21 again. Why do you think the name of Jesus (his character, priorities, etc) is so offensive to the world? Considering those reasons, why does the world hate Jesus' disciples?
- When you faced with persecution, how should you respond? What does it look like to respond to opposition in a way that honors Jesus?

Read John 15:26-27

- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in these verses?
- Why do you think God sent us the Holy Spirit? How is he our advocate?
- God has given us everything we need to be bold with our faith. Do you think God is calling you to become more bold in this way?
- Take a look at some of these passages – John 14:15-18, Romans 15:13, Acts 1:8
 - What do these passages teach you about the Holy Spirit?
- What do think Jesus means when he uses the word "truth" to describe the Spirit?

Read John 16:1-4

- Why would persecution cause someone to abandon their faith?
- How would persecution in our western culture cause you to abandon your faith?
- In order to remember Jesus' warning, we have to know what it is. Why is studying God's word so important in our faith? How can knowing God's word prepare you for trials? How have you seen this play out in your life?



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RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.