

LIGHT IT UP!

Responding To Persecution

John 15:17-16:4

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Bottom Line: Believers will face persecution at various levels around the world. Our message and our response to persecution is a radical response that comes right from the teachings of Jesus.

Persecution: The attempt to stop and silence the message of Christ by inflicting mockery, strife, pain, or death on those who believe it.

1. Don't be _____ by persecution!

John 15:18-25; 1 Peter 4:12

A. The World feels _____ . v. 19

....sounds like....

"Christians think they're better than us."

"Christians are judging us."

B. The World fuels _____ . v. 19-20

....sounds like....

"Jesus thought He was THE way, but He's just A way."

"Christians are so close-minded."

C. The World reacts in _____ . v. 21

....responds by....

- *Rejecting the God that is NOT described in the Bible.*

- *Rejecting the God that IS described in the Bible.*



2. Don't be _____ by persecution!

John 15:26-27

3. Don't be _____ by persecution!

John 16:1-4

Now What? 1 Peter 4:12-19

1. _____ for the persecuted church.

2. Defend the persecuted church.

3. _____ when you are persecuted, as you identify with Christ.

4. Remember that this is not our ultimate home.

5. _____ God in your actions.

6. Focus on trusting God.

Other helpful resources: www.persecution.com