LIGHT IT UP! Responding To Persecution

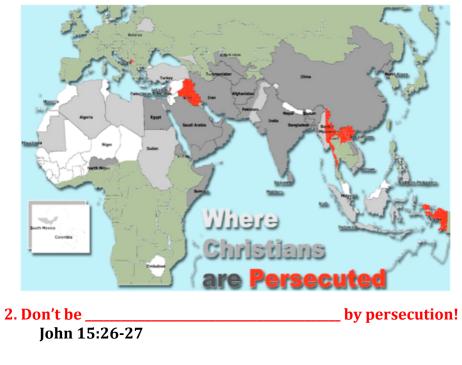
John 15:17-16:4

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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 John 15:18-25; 1 Peter 4:12	by persecution!
A. The World feels	. v. 19
sounds like "Christians think they're better than us	, n
"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 <u>NOT</u> describe	d in the Bible.
- Rejecting the God that <u>IS</u> described in	the Bible.



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3. Don't be John 16:1-4	by persecution!
Now What? 1 Pet	er 4:12-19
1	for the persecuted church.
2. Defend the per	rsecuted church.
3identify with (when you are persecuted, as you Christ.
4. Remember tha	at this is not our ultimate home.
5	God in your actions.
6. Focus on trust	ing God.

Other helpful resources: www.persecution.com