

CROSS TRAINING!

The Believer's Response to Persecution

John 15:17-16:4

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Bottom Line: The blessings of following Christ are enormous, but with those blessings will come persecution.

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

1. Persecution should not _____ us!
John 15:18-19; 1 Peter 4:12

2. Persecution should not _____ us!
John 15:19-25

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 that God IS described in the Bible.



3. Persecution should not _____ us!
John 15:26-27

4. Persecution should not _____ us!
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