

Discussion Guide for Responding to Persecution

1. Read John 15:18-21 and briefly review the outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we are promised that spiritual evil forces and evil people will oppose us, hate us and persecute us. In the face of this opposition, we are to press forward speaking the truth, living for God, and sharing the Gospel.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-15

With what priority does Paul bookend this charge to be faithful? (v.2 and v.15)

Read again the analogy of the soldier, athlete and farmer in vs.3-7.

What is our application from the soldier analogy?
The athlete? The farmer?

Focusing on 2:8-9, who and what is at the center of our Christian message?

How does the power of Christ and His word encourage you as you share the gospel?

What is the divine insight that gave Paul perseverance in suffering in v.10?

How are you inspired to faithfulness by the truths of v.11-13?