



BLESS THIS HOME

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10



Getting Started

Was there ever a time in your life when you had to run for your life? Share your story with the group. Was there a time growing up that you felt insulted? Share your story with the group.

“If you are a Christ-centered family, you will be persecuted.” Do you agree with this statement? How do you think living the way Jesus has called you to will bring insult and criticism in our world? Have you experienced that kind of treatment?

Going Deeper

What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

With your Bible, read and discuss [Matthew 5:10-12](#), [John 15:18-20](#), [1Corinthians 4:12](#), and [1Peter 4:12-16](#). What does the bible say about persecution we will face in the world?

How does our world put pressure on Christians to walk away from the ways of Jesus?

During the message on Sunday it was mentioned that if you follow the ways of Jesus you will face insult from two unexpected sources. Take a moment to talk about each of them.

1. Insults from your family

Read [Luke 12:51-53](#). What do you think Jesus is trying to say in these verses? Have you experienced the truth of these verses in your life?

2. Insults from other Christians

On Sunday, Jack made this comment. “If you attempt to do good and make a difference in the world, someone, somewhere thinks you are doing it wrong.” Have you ever experienced this truth in your life?

How has that criticism kept you from doing what God is calling you to do in your life? What’s one thing you will do this week to help your family prepare for persecution?

Take a moment to talk about the persecution Christians are facing in the world. For more information, look up Voice of the Martyrs at <http://www.persecution.com>

What do you think our responsibility is to Christians in other parts of the world who are being persecuted?

What's your vision for your family? What's one thing you've learned from this series that will help you accomplish that vision?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Day 1: [Matthew 5:10-12](#)

Day 2: [2 Timothy 3:10-17](#)

Day 3: [John 15:18-25](#)

Day 4: [1 Corinthians 4:12](#)

Day 5: [1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

Day 6: [1 Peter 3:8-22](#)

Day 7: [2 Corinthians 4:7-12](#)