



January 29, 2023

**Discussion and Application Questions From The Message: (30 -35 Minutes)**

1. Read John 15:18-25.
2. What evidence can you point to that the world hates Jesus and Christians?
3. Does it surprise you that Jesus said Christians would be hated? Why or why not?
4. What are the challenges to not compromising our beliefs in light of what we are seeing in the world today?
5. How hard is it for you to keep loving, serving, and reaching out to those that might persecute or hate you? Why is it difficult?
6. Read Matthew 5:10-12.
7. Can you really feel blessed when you are persecuted? Discuss this idea in general terms.
8. Why does Jesus say we are to rejoice and be glad when we are persecuted?
9. How does remembering our heavenly reward motivate us to feel blessed when persecution comes?
10. What could you do, today, for those that persecute or hate you?

**Prayer Time**

Spend some time tonight praying for those that persecute Christians.