

Sermon Notes

Even If the World Hates You, Keep Witnessing

John 15:18-20a, 26-27, 16:1-4a

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Review

15:18 **The world will hate us Christians, because it hated Christ.**

15:19 **We are not of the world; we are of Christ, so the world may hate us.**

Are you different from them?

15:20 **Keep in mind, Jesus foretold that His servants will be persecuted.**

15:26-27 **The Holy Spirit will help us testify about Christ.**

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16:1 **Be prepared, so you will not fall away from following Christ.**

16:2 **They will make you outcasts, and may even kill you.**

Don't be afraid to lose relationships because of the gospel.

16:3-4 **When the time comes, remember.**

Even when we are persecuted, we can be joyful and continue to courageously share the gospel. (Acts 5)

Will you continue to be a witness for Jesus no matter how people might respond to you?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested reading: John 15:1-11, 16:5-15

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Application questions for 7/30/2017 sermon

John 15-16

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

Have you been persecuted because you shared the gospel - someone got mad at you, hated you, ridiculed or made fun of you, cast you out of a group, you lost relationship? What exactly happened?

How did that persecution emotionally effect you? Did it change your willingness to share the gospel?

Why do you think it is important to know that persecution is likely to come if we share the gospel, and prepare for that persecution? What are the negative reactions you could have, that you want to prevent by being prepared?

(Try to have everyone answer this question, at least briefly.)

How do you hope, plan, to respond to persecution when it happens to you? What do you want to do or not do?

What will help you respond to persecution the way God wants us to?

(Try to have everyone answer this question, at least briefly.)

Think about a non-Christian you have relationship with, which is an important relationship to you.

How would you feel about loosing that relationship because the person rejected you, because you shared the gospel with him/her?

If you share the gospel when you are lead to by God and you always get rejected, or even persecuted, is that failure? Why or why not?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

(If you have any time remaining)

Have you been praying regularly for the non-Christians in your life, and for opportunities to share Jesus with them? Have you had any opportunities that you've taken to share Christ? What did you do and what was the result?