

## EXPECTATIONS

1. **BRING YOUR BIBLE**
  2. **RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AHEAD OF TIME**
  3. **CONFIDENTIALITY IS ESSENTIAL**
  4. **MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP A PRIORITY**
- *I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ORDER A COPY OF TORTURED FOR CHRIST BY RICHARD WURMBRAND. SIMPLY “BING” FREE COPY OF TORTURED FOR CHRIST.*
  - *IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH AND TO SEE THE FACES OF THOSE WHO YOU CAN PRAY FOR: VISIT PERSECUTION.COM*

### OTHER PASSAGES THAT WERE USED IN THE SERMON

- **ROMANS 5:3**-NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO GLORY IN OUR SUFFERINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE;
- **ROMANS 8:18** I CONSIDER THAT OUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US.
- **2 CORINTHIANS 1:7**AND OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS FIRM, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT JUST AS YOU SHARE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, SO ALSO YOU SHARE IN OUR COMFORT.
- **HEBREWS 13:3** CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN PRISON AS IF YOU WERE TOGETHER WITH THEM IN PRISON, AND THOSE WHO ARE MISTREATED AS IF YOU YOURSELVES WERE SUFFERING.

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# Community Group Questions

## Sunday, February 5

### UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM-PERSECUTED

1. We have been discussing Kingdom living for a while. If we live out all of the beatitudes, what kind of impact would we make for His kingdom? What has God taught you through the beatitudes?

### Read Matthew 5:10-12

2. Have ever been persecuted because of your faith in Jesus Christ? How would your allegiance to God change if you knew you and your family were in danger of persecution if you were followers of Jesus?
3. Jesus speaks of a special reward for those who remain faithful through suffering. He actually tells us to be happy about being persecuted. Discuss the blessing of being persecuted for Jesus.
4. For the most part we have freedom to discuss religion openly wherever we are without fear of persecution. Why do we hold back sharing Jesus Christ with others?

### Read Hebrews 13:3 & 2Corinthians 1:7

5. How can we support our Christian family who literally risk their lives every time they pray, if they own a Bible, or attend a worship service. How can we do a better job supporting (remembering) them in their suffering?
6. Why are the persecuted countries having more people come to Jesus than America? Has our freedom made us lukewarm?

*Prayer-For the persecuted body of Christ*