

BHBC Life Group notes

13 October 2019

As For Me And My House

Part 4

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Read and discuss the following Scripture verses:

2 Timothy 3:10-17

1 Corinthians 4:12

1 Peter 3:8-22

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

How would you define persecution? *(We see that persecution is the clash between two irreconcilable value systems. Think of the early Christians thrown to the lions. God has called us, selected us, to represent Him in patiently enduring and even overcoming persecution as part of our witness and preparation for His Kingdom.)*

What types of persecution have you endured as a result of aiming towards a Christ-centred family and life?

What steps might you need to take to better prepare your family for persecution?

The sermon spoke about preparing for persecution by introducing oneself/family to “low-levels” of taking a stand for God. That is — taking a stand for something of the Kingdom and standing in grace (Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith **into this grace in which we now stand.** And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”)

The example was given of Halloween and the church Beacon event.

What have you taken a stand for that has attracted unwanted attention? How have you remained strong and focussed during times of unwanted attention?

If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

Read and discuss Matthew 5:10-12, John 15:18-20, 1 Corinthians 4:12, and 1 Peter 4:12-16.

How would you describe your family identity? Is it strong or weak? Explain.

Is persecution real in the modern world?

Describe a time when your family endured persecution. How did it affect your family? Did it make your family stronger or weaker?

What's your vision for your family?

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