

Discussion Questions

1. What words stand out to you in this section?
2. Is Jesus speaking condemnation for those who hate him (and us)? Why do you think that?
3. What are the reasons Jesus gives for the hatred we receive?
4. What should our response be to the hatred/persecution we experience from others?
5. Who is the Helper? How does Jesus describe Him here?

Application Questions

1. How do you handle being challenged/persecuted? Can you share a time when someone challenged your beliefs?
2. What do you think the church should be known for? Is our church fitting that description? What are you doing or what have you done to portray that?
3. How does it make you feel or what goes through your mind when Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should bear fruit and that fruit should abide...?"
4. Have you been tempted to turn your back on Jesus because of persecution you've faced?
5. If we were to interview a random person in your life, what would they say about you? Would they see Jesus in you?
6. Spend a few minutes as a group thinking about ways that people in your group have demonstrated the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus. Encourage one another and challenge one another into taking seriously prioritizing your relationships with Jesus.

JOHN

a 20/20 Vision of Jesus
through the Gospel of John

LifeGroup Curriculum
Week 36
John 15:18-16:4

Breaking Bread

Vegetarian quinoa chili with lentils

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 1 cup dry quinoa, rinsed
- 1/2 cup (rinsed) dry green lentils (note: green lentils are packed with fiber)
- 3 heaping tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, more or less to taste
- 1 (4-ounce) can diced green chills
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 4 cups water, (more or less depending on desired thickness)

1. In a large pot add oil and onions, over medium-low heat, saute until onions are tender, about 6 minutes.
2. Add the remaining ingredients, stir, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a low-boil, cover but leave the lid slightly ajar.
3. Cook chili 30 minutes or until lentils are tender.
4. Garnish with sour cream and green onions

Fellowship Questions

1. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What was one take away you had?
2. Did you memorize the memory verse this week?
3. How are you intentionally connecting with people during this season?

Introduction Activity

Have you ever been persecuted for following Jesus and if so, how?

Reading

Read John 15:18-16:4

What stood out to you?

Prayer Activity

All over the world Christians are experiencing persecution for being disciples of Jesus. As a group make a list of some that you know about and then close in prayer as a large group praying for our brothers and sisters who are facing persecution. If you need help finding people to pray for, consider looking at this website <https://www.opendoorsusa.org>

Memory Verse

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away."

-John 16:1

God Sightings

Build a LifeGroup Facebook Page and have people share their God Sightings throughout the week

Worship

On your LifeGroup Facebook Page share a worship song or video that spoke to you this week.