

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of June 6, 2021

MY STORY

What is the worst thing you have experienced because you are a Jesus-follower?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Is there a person in your life you haven't shared the gospel with out of fear of rejection?

Why was Jesus so hated?

How might fear of the world cause one to fall away from Jesus?

Why is fitting in with the world in opposition to God's plan to call us out?

Why have Christians been called out by Jesus?

What does the Spirit of God empower Christians to do?

What reason do you have to rejoice in the face of persecution?

Why is it so necessary to have fellow believers that we are connected with as we face the hatred of the world?

PRAYER REQUEST

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Carlos & Xinia Rojas as they serve in Costa Rica.

Choices Baby Bottles Only two more weeks to fill your baby bottles in support of Choices. Be sure to return them by Father's Day, June 20th.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe *Hated Without a Cause*

John 15:18-16:4 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet June 6, 2021

Reasons the World Hates Christians

I The world hates Jesus

- If Jesus was hated, so will his followers be.

II Jesus has called us out of the world

- We do not share its values.

III We serve the One the world hates

- Our master was persecuted, so we will be.

IV The world does not know God

- The world is estranged from God.

V Jesus exposed the world's guilt

- Jesus made hidden sin visible.

Ways to Respond to the World's Hatred

I Keep witnessing about Jesus

- It is the only way the world changes.

II Don't fall away, no matter how hard it gets.

- The benefits far outweigh the cost.