

INTRODUCTION

Persecution and faith often go hand in hand. We see this more and more prevalent in Christianity. This idea of persecution has only intensified through the years. This week's sermon is a combination of a ready and response plan to persecution that will take place in the life of a believer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a Christian? What comes to mind when you hear the word, "Christian"? Did your two answers differ in any way?
2. Have you ever felt targeted because of your faith? Talk about where and how this took place.
3. Pastor Tracy described the fear of our struggles by saying, "uncertainty is unavoidable, but fear is optional." Do you agree with this statement? How would you put this statement in your own words?
4. Is our version of Christianity honorable considering the price Jesus paid when He was tortured and died on the cross? If not, what area would you like to grow in?
5. Easter Sunday is vastly approaching who have you invited to sit with you for Easter? (Saturday at 4pm & 6pm; Sunday at 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am)

THINKING FORWARD

Pastor Tracy asked us, "Are you living a life worth the price Jesus paid? Jesus said to his disciples in John 15:18 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. This lesson that Jesus taught his disciples is prevalent for us today.

VERSE TO GO

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)