

Sermon Discussion Questions - February 18, 2024
“The Call of Discipleship” | John 15:18 – 16:4
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Please re-read the passage before you embark on the questions.

Warm-up: Is there an area of your life where you have experienced a “great change” that the Lord has done for you that you would like to share?

1. Radical conflict (v. 18-25). What do you find is the area of most conflict that you have seen between the world and Jesus – because of his words, his works, or his claim to absolute authority, or something else?
2. From v. 19, what are systems or structures of the world that would like us to fit into their structure so we would be “as its own?”
3. The argument in this passage runs from the greater to the lesser: If they hated/persecuted me, so they also will hate/persecute you. Discuss how we resist taking up this part of Jesus’ yoke.
4. Radical change (v. 19). In what ways does it strengthen you to know that you have been “chosen out of the world” by God? How can this prepare us for conflict?
5. Radical challenge (v. 25-26). We are sent by the Spirit, just as the Spirit is sent from the Father and the Son. “All of heaven is involved in the mission to the world.” How does this filling of the Spirit empower and encourage you for witness?
6. Why did Jesus tell us these things, from 16:1,4? What does this have to do with our faith and future persecution?
7. What else from this passage stood out to you this week?