



**LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:**

**SHARE:** Have you ever experienced persecution for your faith?

**READ:** Matthew 5:10. What is the prerequisite of real persecution? What does it mean... “because of righteousness?”

**READ:** John 15:18-20. Have you ever felt hated by the world?

**READ 1 Peter 2:19-21.** Have you ever suffered because you deserved it? Have you ever suffered for doing good?

**READ:** Matthew 5:11. Have you ever been insulted or had evil things said about you because of Jesus?

**READ:** Matthew 5:12. How can we rejoice in persecution? What about heaven are you looking forward to?

**READ:** 2 Timothy 3:12. Pastor Ken shared, “If your not experiencing some form of persecution, you are probably playing it too safe with your faith.” Do you think this is true? What is something you can do to step out of the “safe zone?”

**READ:** James 4:4. What do you think friendship with the world means? In what ways are you living in friendship with the world?

**SHARE:** What is one thing you can do to live your faith more openly this week?