

Series: Scars
Sermon:
January 14, 2018

1. Do you know anyone who has served in the military that has received a medal? Share with the group what kind of medal they received and the purpose for which they received it?
2. When has it been hard for you to be a Jesus follower?
4. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Have you ever thought about the Christian life as a war or battle?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. The statement was made, "If you seriously follow Jesus, you will be wounded and you will have scars." Do you agree with is statement?
6. How does it make you feel knowing Christian brothers and sisters around the world are persecuted for following Jesus?
7. Paul writes about the marks he bears for Christ in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27. Do you think you would be willing to go through the persecution that Paul went through? What kind of attitude and mentality would it take for you to go through the same persecution for Jesus Christ?
8. Try to list the top 5 ways that you feel Christians may be wounded for following Jesus in the United States.
9. Does it surprise that there over 50 countries in the world where Christians face serious persecution? The statistics that were mentioned happen daily: 322 people are killed, 214 properties or churches are destroyed and 772 forms of violence against Christians.
10. As a group, pray for:
 - A. Other Christians around the world that they would be: bold, strengthened in their spirit, protected and that God's Kingdom would be furthered.
 - B. The stand you need to take.
 - C. That you would not compromise in the face of challenges to your faith.