

CBC AT HOME JUNE 14, 2020

MATTHEW 5:10-12 (ESV)

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT. REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN, FOR SO THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- From the definition in the sermon, how does persecution differ from normal trials in the Christian life?
- Joe tried making the case that persecution exists for all Christians, even those in the Fox Valley in 2020. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- How is John 15:18-20 particularly helpful in understanding the reason behind our suffering?
- Who is one Christian you know or have read about who has encouraged you as an example of a persecuted Christian who has endured in the faith? Share their story with your group
- Tell about one way you responded differently this week as a result of this teaching. How has your life been transformed by God's Word this week?

NEW KINGDOM LIVING

JESUS' LIFE IN OURS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is persecution? Is it different from teasing/bullying? How?
- Have you ever been persecuted for your faith in Jesus Christ? If so, how? If not, why not?
- How can Christians "rejoice and be glad" (what are we supposed to rejoice in) as a result of our persecution?
- Who is one Christian you know or have read about who has been persecuted? How is their life encouraging to you?

SCRIPTURE MEMORY: MATTHEW 5:3-10 (ESV)

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

