

10-18 J.G. Questions

Beatitudes Wk. #9

1. Can you think of a time when you experienced insults or “persecution” because of Christ? How did you respond?
2. What are some other forms of persecution you have seen aimed at Christ-Followers?
3. When you read [Matthew 5:10-12](#) what types of persecution are mentioned here?
4. Look back carefully [at these verses](#) and talk as a group about what Jesus says is the reason for being persecuted. What is the difference between being persecuted for the sake of Christ and simply drawing fire for being obnoxious? Is it possible that you have attracted some persecution for some other reason than “righteous living”? Explain.
5. This week we talked about some “comebacks” for those times when we are persecuted.

-**REJOICE** about it

-**REFUSE** to retaliate

-**REMEMBER** my reward

What has typically been your attitude when you are being persecuted?

6. According to the first part of [Matthew 5:12](#) why are we supposed to rejoice? Why is it so difficult to live with this in perspective? How can you do this better?
7. Look back over the “beatitudes” in [Matthew 5:3-10](#). How will living out these principles help you to respond well when you encounter persecution?
8. What have been some highlights for you during our series on the beatitudes?
9. Close off your group praying for any specific requests and also pray that this will be more than just a series that we did at church. Pray that [Matthew 5:3-10](#) will be a way of life for you and those that attend Plum Creek.