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# DISCIPLES

## PARENT GUIDE

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### LESSON 6.3: PERSECUTION

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:18-25

#### SUMMARY:

In this week's passage, Jesus Himself told us that the world would hate Him and anyone who followed Him would be mocked and mistreated or worse. It's true that not every Christian in the world is being persecuted all of the time. In the West, especially, it's hard to make the case that all Jesus-followers are hated and mistreated. But Christians have been persecuted—and continue to be

persecuted—in many different places around the world. The idea that following Jesus might lead to suffering shouldn't surprise or scare us—any more than it should surprise us how much strength, hope, peace, and comfort He will give to us at every step along the way.

#### CORE VERSES

Matthew 5:11-12

#### CORE CONCEPTS

The followers of Jesus were told to expect persecution.

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#### PERSECUTION:

Cruel or hostile treatment due to your faith in Christ

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you expect to be treated by the world as a follower of Jesus?
- How is your faith affected when you hear about or experience Christians being mocked or mistreated?
- Are you ready to face persecution? How will you encourage those who already face persecution?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?