

FLOURISH

LIFE GROUP AGENDA
WEEK SEVEN | 10/1-10/7
PERSISTENCE



Read: John 15:18-20

18 *"If the world hates you, remember that it hated Me first. 19 The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. 20 Do you remember what I told you? "A slave is not greater than the master." Since they persecuted Me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to Me, they would listen to you."*

Welcome: (This is a time for us to focus inward on our relationships with one another.)

Briefly share the goals and one guideline of Life Group (Found at the back of the book)

Ice breaker Question: How specifically has God been working in your life in the past seven weeks?

Question: Which "call to action" has meant a lot to you during the Flourish series.

Watch: [Week 7 Life Group Video](#)

Memorize: Spend time this week memorizing John 15: 18.

Try different methods to help you memorize this Scripture such as writing it on a notecard, making a note on your phone, sharing it with someone or using the Verses app (Available on the App store).

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Word: Discuss the following questions.

- What are one or two things that stood out to you from the video or the Scripture?
- According to John 15:18-20, what should we expect from the world as we live our lives as Christ followers?
- What did persecution look like for Christ and His followers in His day? What does persecution look like for us today in our culture?
- Read Matthew 5:10-12. Whom does Jesus say God will bless and what kind of blessing will He give them?
- Tell of a time when you personally experienced persecution in your walk with the Lord.
- How did Jesus react in the face of persecution? How should we react today as Christians?
- What are the consequences when we react in a critical or unloving way as Christians?

Breakouts: Break into smaller, gender-specific groups of 3-4 for discussion

- What is a significant truth you have learned or been reminded of through today's discussion or video?
- Around who and in what environments are you hesitant to share your faith?
- How do you plan to grow this coming week? Which "call to action" will you put into practice?

Ready, Set, Grow. (Call to Action)

Encouragement: Reach out to another Christian who may be experiencing persecution this week, perhaps from family members or coworkers. Pray for them to be strong.

Confession: Perhaps there has been a time when you felt ashamed to be a Christian. Ask the Lord for forgiveness and stand boldly for what you believe when the next opportunity comes up.

Worship: Spend time in prayer this week for three people who have persecuted you in the past for being a Christian. Ask God to bless them and to help them see Christ through you.