

The Persecuted Church 2021

Various Scriptures November 14th, 2021

Fact: Christian persecution & Martyrdom is _____
_____ (Keep up at www.persecution.com) Christian
Freedom International reports that " _____
_____ a Christian is martyred for their faith".

Anti-Christian bigotry is the only form of _____
intolerance remaining in this country.

Excerpt from Foxes book of Martyrs: In Matthew 16:18, it is recorded that Jesus told His disciples, "I will build My church, and the gates of hell [Hades] shall not prevail against it."

Three major points can be noted in Jesus' words:

1. Christ _____ have a church in this world;
2. His Church will be mightily _____.
3. None of the devil's attacks will _____ it.

Persecution has not and will not _____ the Gospel!
"The blood of the martyrs is the _____ of the church"

But what can we do? (Three things we can and should do)

- 1.) Live like a _____ Christian!
- 2.) _____ your suffering brethren.
- 3.) Ready your heart for _____.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever had to deal with a bully? How did you handle it?
- 2.) What kinds of persecution have you experienced for being a Christian? How did you handle it?
- 3.) Do you personally know anyone who has suffered for being a Christian? Tell us about it.
- 4.) What can we do for our persecuted brethren?
- 5.) Pastor Mike ended his message with three suggestions of what we can and should do. What were those three things?
- 6.) As time permits look up and explore the following verses and discuss how they relate to the 3 things we must do. 1John 2:15-18; James 1:26-27; Hebrews 13:3; 1Peter 2:19-21; 1Peter 3:14-18; 1Peter 4:14-19; 2Timothy 3:12.
- 7.) Take some time to pray for the persecuted church. Use your VOM prayer cards if you have one. Or go to persecution.com for guidance. More resources for the USA at <https://prayvotestand.org>

