

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week 10: John 15:18-16:4

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

“The hatred of the world, instead of being depressing, should be exhilarating, as being an evidence and guarantee that they have been chosen by Christ.” - Marcus Dods

1. Have you ever been hated? If so, by whom and for what reason? Was there anything you could have done to deter their hatred or to change their attitude towards you?
2. Have you ever truly hated someone else? If so, why? Have you changed your attitude towards them? If so, how?
3. Where does the most opposition in your life come from: home, work, friends, school, or somewhere else? What does that opposition look like?
4. How can your *Many Rooms* group pray for you and the opposition you face?
5. John uses the word 'world' 77 times in his gospel writing.
 - What does 'world' mean in this text, and why does the 'world' hate followers of Jesus Christ?
 - How is this hatred from the 'world' expressed? What opposition does the 'world' pose to Christians today?
6. Because the world hates Believers, give reasons we should not retreat from the world. Share how you are attempting to live for Christ in the world. (See Matt 28:19-20; Luke 5:29-32; John 17:14-15; Rom 12:2; 1 Cor 9:19-23; 3 John 1:11)
7. Whom has God called to testify about Jesus Christ? What power does He give us to stand against persecution? (See Acts 1:8)
8. In verse 20, what does Jesus say about a servant/master relationship? Read Jesus's words from earlier that night in John 13:15-16:
 - How does this principle help them/us understand and prepare for the world's opposition to faith and believers?
 - What did disciples of Jesus do when they were persecuted? Read Acts 4:1-12; 7:54-60; 12:1-2; & 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 11:16-33; Revelation 2:8-11
 - How could the warnings in today's passage prepare us to respond in a godly way when we are persecuted?
9. Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus exposed the sins of men through the proclamation of the truth. According to V21-25, is it necessary to proclaim sin as well as grace when sharing the gospel with people?
10. Re-read John 14:15-16:4:
 - What are the ministries of the Holy Spirit? Why are each of these ministries vital for believers to live biblically?
 - What fruit did the Lord Jesus produce in this passage?
 - What can we do in our own strength?
 - What hope does the Church have for a fruitful life in this present age of skepticism?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.