



INTRODUCTION

Because we are united to Jesus, we will face great opposition from the world. But the good news is that Jesus hasn't left us to fend for ourselves and we are well equipped to persevere.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **John 15:18 – 16:15**.
- Why is there such hostility from the world toward Christians? What does John mean when he writes about the "world"?
- Why does Jesus tell his disciples about this hostility (vv. 16:1,4)?
- Jesus is no longer physically present in this world like he was 2,000 years ago. So how does his work continue (vv. 15:26-27)?
- How is it good that Jesus is going away (v. 16:7)?
- What are the specific ways that the Holy Spirit convicts the world? What do these mean (vv. 16:8-11)?

APPLICATION

- Discuss some of the ways you have seen Christians respond to the hatred from the world? Were these good responses or bad responses?
- How do these verses help us face opposition from the world?
- What impact should there be upon our witness as a result of the Holy Spirit's ministry?
- What are some of the ways we may be tempted to speak or live on our own authority? How can we encourage one another not to do this?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?