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Together in Prison – Remembering the Persecuted Church

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Questions for further discussion Key Verse: Hebrews 13:3

How familiar are you / have you been with the issues of the global persecution of Christians?
Do you feel well-informed about this or uninformed?

What are your reactions and responses as you learn more of what is happening to the global Body of Christ?

Have you experienced what you would consider to be persecution for your faith, or do you know someone who has?

Hebrews 13:3 calls us to remember the persecuted as if we were experiencing what they are experiencing. What do you think that means, and what are some practical ways that we can try to do that?

Read Acts 7:59 – 8:17 for an example of persecution that struck the early church. What came from that episode – both good and bad? How is God at work in something so painful?

Read John 15:18 – 21. What is your response to this passage (assuming you have already decided to identify yourself with Christ)?

From the sermon or other sources, what are some valuable lessons that we can learn from those who are persecuted for Christ?

Would you trade the freedom to practice your religion openly and to meet publicly for worship to see the Kingdom of God advance more rapidly? Think hard before you answer this question!

How will your understanding of the Biblical calling to remember those who are persecuted and mistreated for the faith change how you live in the weeks and months ahead?

Other Scriptures for further reflection: Matthew 5:10 - 12; 2 Timothy 3:10 - 12