



Bless This Home Week 4



Persecuted

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What types of persecution have you endured as a result of striving to have a Christ-centered family and life?
- What steps might you need to take to better prepare your family for persecution?

With your Bible or YouVersion read and discuss Matthew 5:10-12, John 15:18-20, 1 Corinthians 4:12, 1 Peter 4:12-16

- How would you describe your family identity? Is it strong or weak? Explain.
- What does the following statement say to you? “Don’t worry when you are persecuted. Worry when you are not.”
- Describe a time when your family endured persecution. How did it affect your family? Did it make your family stronger or weaker?
- Has there been a time in your life or family when

you caved into the pressure to conform rather than experience persecution? What was the occasion and has it affected subsequent decisions in your family.

- What’s one thing you will do this week to help your family prepare for persecution?
- What’s your vision for your family? What’s one thing you’ve learned from this series that will help you accomplish that vision?

A Resource for Your Family

Pick up a copy of the **Bless This Home Family Activity Guide** that features fun activity ideas you can do with the entire family. It is available on the information table or it can be downloaded from our website by going to Part 1 of this message series, Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness.

Daily Bible Readings

Prepare your family for the persecution they will face by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- Day 1: Matthew 5:10-12
- Day 2: 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Day 3: John 15:18-25
- Day 4: 1 Corinthians 4:12
- Day 5: 1 Peter 3:8-22; 4:12-19
- Day 6: Romans 12:1-2
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12