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1. We are not just a _____ family.
2. We are a Christ-_____ home.

Key Thought

- If you are a Christ-centered family, you will be _____.

¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹ "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Matthew 5:10-12 (NLT)

God blesses our family when we are persecuted for doing right. The Kingdom of Heaven is ours.

Matthew 5:10 (family version)

Preparing Your Family for Persecution

1. _____ it.

¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3:12 (NRSV)

¹² Anyone who wants to live all out for Christ is in for a lot of trouble; there's no getting around it.

2 Timothy 3:12 (MSG)

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. ¹⁹ The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. ²⁰ Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.

John 15:18-20 (NLT)

2. _____ it.

¹²... When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; 1 Corinthians 4:12b (NIV)

- When family identity is _____, peer pressure is weak.
- When family identity is _____, peer pressure is strong.

3. _____ it.

¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised by the fiery troubles that are coming in order to test you. Don't feel as though something strange is happening to you, ¹³ but be happy as you share Christ's sufferings.... ¹⁶ If you suffer for being a Christian, don't feel ashamed, but praise God for being called that name. 1 Peter 4:12-13a, 16 (GW)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- ☐ Give my life to God so that my home can be on it's way to being a Christ-centered home.
- ☐ Work with my family to develop a strong family identity that can help us stand during persecution.
- ☐ Better prepare my family for persecution.
- ☐ Meditate on and/or memorize 1 Peter 4:16