

“Lambs and Lashes”

Matthew 10:16-25

Today's BIG IDEA:

As we take Jesus to the world, the world will oppose us.

1. Jesus WARNS us as we go

A. We will be persecuted by the world at _____ (v.16-18)

- *The world won't just hate us for following Jesus. It will try to hinder us from following Jesus, whatever the cost.*

B. We will be persecuted by those we _____ (v.21-22a)

C. We will be persecuted because of the _____ (v.24-25)

2. Jesus INSTRUCTS us as we go

A. We should be _____ (v.16b)

B. We should be _____ (v.16b)

C. We should be _____ (v.18)
(Acts 4:1-22; 5:17-42; 23-26)

- *For those who follow Christ, persecution isn't optional. It's inevitable. The question isn't "Will we face persecution?". It's "How will we respond when we do?".*

D. We should be _____ (v.19)

E. We should be _____ (v.22)

F. We should be _____ (v.23)
(1 Peter 3:14-16)

3. Jesus ENCOURAGES us as we go

A. We will be aided by the _____ (v.19b-20)
(John 14:26-27)

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B. We will ultimately be _____ (v.22)
(Romans 8:35-39)

C. We will see Jesus _____ (v.23)
(Acts 1:11)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How is our culture currently opposed to Christ? How can we be prepared to respond? What should our response look like?
2. How do the promises in today's text give us hope even when we suffer for Christ?
3. How are Christians being persecuted in other parts of the world? How should today's text motivate us to pray for believers around the world?