

Christ Followers \_\_\_\_\_ To  
The World

# JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

## Jesus and the Hatred of the World

John 15:18-6:4a

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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- \_\_\_\_\_ models to us how to endure
- \_\_\_\_\_ equips us to witness to a hateful world

During the Last Supper, Jesus gives His final instructions for His disciples which includes a very real warning of impending hatred from the world. This caution serves to correct our expectations of faith in Christ, but also challenges us to live like Jesus, no matter the cost.

Christ Followers Are \_\_\_\_\_

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- God \_\_\_\_\_ His people
- God's people \_\_\_\_\_ Him

Christ Followers Can \_\_\_\_\_ From  
The World

- The world hates an \_\_\_\_\_
- The world hates what it \_\_\_\_\_
- The world hates to be \_\_\_\_\_

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### TAKING ACTION

Find time to commit to last week's covenants again this week (if you don't have access to our church's covenants, choose to commit to your faith again this year). As you do, make this commitment knowing and accepting that faith in Jesus will likely be met with hatred from the world.

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Jesus and the Work of the Spirit | John 16:4b-15*

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

**CONNECT** *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Go around and remind each other of what you made a covenant for last week. Feel free to share any other New Year's Resolutions.

**DISCUSS** *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read all of John 15:1-17 and also John 15:18-16:4. Why do you think Jesus delivers these messages one after the other? Why are they connected?
2. What are some examples of situations in today's world where individuals might face opposition or hostility due to their faith?

3. Jesus doesn't really give any tips on how to deal with or process persecution in this passage. What does He share with us, and why is that valuable?

4. How can you find motivation to witness to a hateful world?

**PRAY** *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for God's heart to serve a hateful world.
- Pray for endurance in the face of persecution in 2024.
- Share and pray for one another's joys and burdens.