



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 10/26/2025  
DISCUSSION DATE: 11/02/2025  
TEXT: MATTHEW 5:10-12

---

## **HAPPY ARE THE PERSECUTED**

### **I. PERSECUTION**

A. The persecuted

B. The reviled

C. The falsely accused

D. The abused for doing right and being right with Christ

### **II. THE REWARD**

## **FOR CONFERENCING**

1. **Read Matthew 5:10-12. Now go back and read verse 9.** Jesus went from talking about peace to then speaking about persecution. From what you know about the sequence of the beatitudes, how can you explain such a stark contrast between peace and persecution? (What are the two possible responses when one is confronted with the gospel of peace?)
  
2. What does it mean to be persecuted “for righteousness’ sake?”
  
3. Pastor noted that “those whose lives manifest the first seven beatitudes and to the degree they fulfill them, will experience a similar degree of persecution.” Why would that be the case? **Read II Timothy 3:12.** Why did Paul suffer so much and in so many places? What might one fairly conclude if they have never experienced any rejection or retribution from the lost (the ungodly)?
  
4. Even though there never was one more loving, gracious, kind, and merciful than Jesus, He met severe hostility and opposition. Why was that so?
  
5. The word “persecuted” in the beatitude means to be driven or chased away. What does it mean to be reviled? (Hint: See Matthew 27:44 followed by 27:41-43.)
  
6. Verse 10 of Matthew 5 speaks of those persecuted for righteousness’ sake, and in verse 11 Jesus adds “for My sake.” For what reason will the believer be persecuted? To whom is the persecution really directed at? Give the best reason you can think of to be happy when you are the recipient of persecution.
  
7. **Read Matthew 5:12 & I Peter 1:3-9.** What is the reward for enduring persecution?
  
8. **Read Revelation 3:15-16.** What does this say about a person who is useless in the eyes of God? What will those who are faithful in their service to God experience in glory?