

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is persecution? What are some examples of persecution from around the world? Have you ever experienced persecution?
2. What does it mean to be "persecuted for righteousness' sake"? (see Matthew 5.10) How is this different than being criticized for self-righteousness?
3. How does following Jesus make us different than the world around us?
4. Why is persecution more about Jesus than it is about us? (see John 15.18-21)
5. What does persecution teach us about our union with Christ?
6. In what way is persecution a blessing?
7. How does the coming Kingdom of God give us joy in midst of suffering?