

# Deeper In God

February 11, 2018



**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 5v10-12, NIV*

**THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA:** When we pursue God's kingdom, people won't always speak kindly.

**Reflect:** When's the last time you felt like you "suffered" because of your association with Jesus?

**Reflect:** On a scale of 1-10--1 being "not at all" and 10 being "I'm all in"--how willing are you to face persecution because of your relationship with Jesus, and why?

**Reflect:** In your mind, what's the difference between standing up for what you believe and suffering for who you believe in? How might they be linked?

**Reflect:** Read Matthew 10v24-42. How do Jesus' words strike you here? Where do you see a sense of urgency? How do you understand these rather harsh and difficult words of Jesus?

**Reflect:** What's one practical thing you can do to respond to this week's message?

**Rest & Reflect:** Days 6 & 7 are days of rest and reflection. Use these days to dig a bit deeper if you feel inspired.