

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 5:10-12
Pray with Them

Getting Started

What does it mean to be blessed? Give a few examples.

Digging In

1. **Read Matt 5:10-12.** How are we to respond when we are persecuted because of our commitment to Christ?
2. Why? (v. 10b)
3. What are we commanded to do in v. 12? Why?
4. **Read Rom 5:1-5.** What should be our response to suffering?
5. Why? (vss. 3-5)
6. **Read Philippians 1:12-18.** What was one of the results of Paul's imprisonment? (vss. 12-14)
7. What was Paul's main concern? (vss. 15-18)
8. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:26.** What does this verse say about the connectedness of the body of Christ?
9. **Read 2 Cor 11:28-29.** How does Paul himself exemplify a concern for others?



Getting Personal

- How can we follow Paul's example? That is, how can we demonstrate our unity with and concern for persecuted believers in other countries?
- **Read 1 Thes 3:10-13.** Based on Paul's prayer for the persecuted Christians in Thessalonica, how can we pray for persecuted believers today?
- One organization that provides useful resources is Open Doors. Go to **opendoorsusa.org** to learn more:
- How will you make prayer for persecuted Christians a more regular part of your life?
- Using what you've learned from this study, take time now to pray for persecuted Christians.