

# "Hated on Account of the Name"

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### John 15:18-21 The Hatred of the World

*<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.<sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.*

#### 1. Warm Up

- What phrase or image from the sermon stuck with you most this week?

#### 2. Understanding the Text

- According to Jesus, why should believers expect hatred from the world rather than be surprised by it?

#### 3. Abiding in Christ

- The sermon emphasized living *in* Jesus rather than merely *for* Jesus. How does that change the way we face opposition or discomfort?

#### 4. Jesus Shields Us

- How does knowing that the world's hatred is directed first at Jesus—not ultimately at us—bring comfort or perspective?

#### 5. Saved to Serve

- Jesus calls us to serve rather than fight back or withdraw. Where is this most challenging for you right now?

#### 6. "On Account of My Name"

- What's the difference between being rejected for Jesus' sake and being rejected because of our own behavior or tone?

#### 7. Application

- What would it look like this week to respond to tension, disagreement, or criticism with the servant posture of Jesus?

#### 8. Closing Reflection

- How can this group help one another remain faithful, humble, and secure in Christ when it's uncomfortable to do so?