

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Hatred, Hostility & Hope”

John 15:18-16:4

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

In your opinion, do you think the world's hatred of Christians is decreasing, staying the same or increasing? What makes you say that and why?

INTO THE BIBLE

Based on **John 15:18-16:4**, what is the major point Jesus is making?

To what other scripture is **John 18:25** referring? Based on this teaching, is the world's hatred largely rational or irrational?

Based on **John 3:19**, what might be driving the hatred?

What does the above truth reveal to us about the nature of sin?

Can you cite a few other passages that deal with persecution of believers? How do these passages equip us to endure under the world's hatred?

APPLICATION

What part of this teaching is most troubling to you and why?

What part of this teaching is most encouraging to you and why?

When persecution for our faith comes to us, what should be our response

- A) toward our persecutors?
- B) toward fellow believers?
- C) toward God?