

# THE LIFE

EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

LESSON 50

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for partnering with us in the spiritual growth of your teenager. We consider it an honor that you would let us join you in this journey of discipling your student.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Following Jesus Won't Make You Popular." The lesson was on the topic of persecution. While we tend to think of extreme persecution against Christians happening in different parts of the world, Scripture teaches that persecution is a reality that all Christians will face at some point. Being mocked, made fun of, or left out are some of the ways that students may feel persecution as they take a stand for their faith in Christ.

## We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- 2 Timothy 3:10-15
- 1 Peter 4:12-14

Take a few moments to read these passages about persecution and how Christians should respond. These are powerful reminders that God promises to be with us no matter how hard it is to live for Him.

## Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her to understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Have you ever felt mistreated for living out your faith? How?
- Talk about a time when you felt persecuted in some form for living out your faith. Share about how you responded. How can our family best support one another when we experience persecution on some level?
- How can we pray as a family for strength in the midst of persecution that we may face?

We are grateful for the opportunity to minister to your student. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me!