

LIFE GROUP FALL WEEK 2- Bullies

All Kids Matter

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Big Idea: *In this life people will mistreat us. God has the blueprint for us to stay faithful when mistreated. He tells us to entrust ourselves to Him, do good, and leave Him room to work.*

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 15:19-20

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

- 1. Read Ephesians 6:12, John 16:33, and John 15:19-20. What do these verses tell us about what to expect and why we face harassment and troubles?**
- 2. One of the best ways to resist a bully is to remember who you are in Christ. What truths do you use from scripture to remind yourself who you are in Christ? How have they helped you remain faithful to Christ when being mistreated?**
- 3. Romans 12:17-19 teaches that we do not have to pay back evil for evil when being mistreated but in fact are asked to overcome**

evil with good. In doing so we are giving God space to work on our behalf. Do you find this easy or hard to believe? Explain?

4. 1 Peter 4:14 says this, “If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.” What do you think it means for the Spirit of glory and God to rest on you? Explain.
5. When we are faithful to Christ there are times that we “pay a price” in this world. Why do you think God would allow His children to pay a price for doing the right thing?

Prayer Focus: *All over the world there are Christians who are being mistreated because of their faith in Christ. In many places the mistreatment is far more severe than what we face here in the United States.*

Spend a moment praying for believers who are dealing with a much more severe form of mistreatment.

Use 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 to help you pray

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.