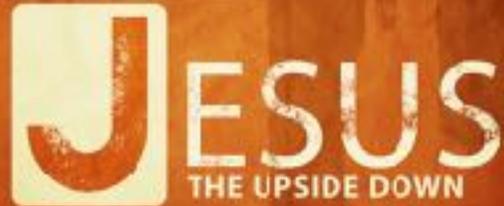


Life Group Discussion Guide

OVERCOMING EVIL

Matthew 5:10-12

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had someone “falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me [Jesus]?” (Matthew 5:11b NIV) In other words, have you ever experienced persecution because of your belief in God or do only missionaries and ministers serving in foreign countries suffer this way? There are individuals in America and even here in First Christian who are oppressed because they believe in Christ and share their beliefs. Are you one of them? The Bible tells you to be glad because “great is your reward in heaven.”

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Is there any such thing as evil? Why or why not? If you believe it does exist, what is it?
2. Tell the group about something you’ve seen or heard of recently that when you heard it or saw it, you instantly thought, “That is just pure evil.”

EVALUATE IT

1. From your perspective, is the current definition of evil in America a biblical definition or has it been altered or adapted? Explain.
2. Read Matthew 5:10-12. One of the most frustrating things you may experience is to have others persecute you because you insist on doing the right thing. What are some ways we experience persecution in Elizabethtown, KY in 2019?
3. Stuart said, "Evil doesn't just happen TO us; evil happens IN us." What does that mean? How does evil happen within us?
4. Stuart said, "When evil happens to you; Jesus says you can still be blessed, you can still live the dream in an evil-happening world?" How is this possible?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. One of the toughest things we will ever do is admit our own faults and mistakes. When you do something evil (Example: Stuart judging the slow poke on the road), how do you excuse it or rationalize it?
2. Stuart told us to combat evil, we should maintain a kingdom perspective, don't judge others and don't retaliate. Which one of these do you struggle with the most? Why?



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