

## elements | Persecution

A 3-Lesson Bible Study

As long as people have been living as followers of God, they've been persecuted for it. In some places in the world, people face death for Christ's sake. In others, the worst that can happen is to be a social outcast. Persecution does happen. And it can be pretty harsh. Yet, believe it or not, it isn't something we should run from. This study will help teenagers see persecution as a sign that they're following Christ. Plain and simple.

*Persecution*, one of the studies in the **elements** line of Bible study curriculum, will help your students understand that people who publicly identify as followers of God have always experienced persecution; that Jesus warned we would face persecution if we identify ourselves with Him; and that while it's admittedly pretty awful to experience persecution, there are positive outcomes.

### Persecution Lesson Overviews

#### Lesson 1: Paying The Price

- **Lesson Objectives:** To understand that people who publicly identify as followers of God have always experienced persecution; and to evaluate whether or not they are living their life in such a way that they would even be in the position to be persecuted.
- **Scripture Focus:** Psalms 38:19-22, Psalms 119:68-72, Psalms 119:85-87, Psalms 69:13-18, Psalms 74:18-21, Psalms 124:6-8, Psalms 37:12-13

#### Lesson 2: Because Of Christ

- **Lesson Objectives:** To understand that Jesus warned we would face persecution if we identify ourselves with Him; and to accept the challenge to stand up for their faith knowing that it could actually draw people to Christ.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 15:18-21, John 16:33, Luke 21:12-13, Philippians 1:12-14

#### Lesson 3: Our Attitude In Persecution

- **Lesson Objectives:** To understand that while it's admittedly pretty awful to experience persecution, there are positive outcomes; to identify where they have experienced persecution, and to consider both what it has taught them and how they can respond to it.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 5:10-12, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, James 1:2-4, Matthew 5:43-44

### What's included in each *elements* study?

- 3 Leader's Guides with Bible Background
- 3 weeks of Student Devotions
- 3 Parent Pages for at-home discipleship
- PowerPoint backgrounds and Promo Art
- Teacher Prep Video to help you prepare
- Social Media suggestions for each lesson

Each *elements* study features a creative mix of features to help you engage students before, during, and after your gathering.

### The Three "Lenses" Of An *elements* Study

- **LESSON 1:** The lens of God's character
- **LESSON 2:** The lens of the Gospel
- **LESSON 3:** The lens of living as a teenage Christ-follower

*elements* teaches core principles using a unique three-lesson approach. It allows these short studies to pack a big punch.