Blessed are those who are Persecuted.

2 Peter 2:12 - 12 Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Luke 6:22 - 22 What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.

1 John 2:15-17

- *What does "the world" refer to?
- *What kind of things are in the world?
- *Give some real examples of ways the world/culture influence people in these areas?
- *How does worldly wisdom say we should handle these types of temptations?
- *What is the reason given for why we should love God instead of this world?
- *If we love the world still, what does that say about us?
- *How can you know which one you love more?
- *What restrictions should we place on our affections?
- *How did John categorize the things in the world?
- *From where do the things in the world come?
- *From where do the things in the world not come?
- *What would you categorize as "the cravings of sinful man"?
- *What would you categorize as "the lust of the eyes?"
- *What would you categorize as "the pride of life?"
- *Why are the things and values of the world so enticing to us?
- *What does it mean to do the will of God