Scripture reading: 1 Peter 3:17, 4:12

Message: Matthew 5:10-12

- I. Review: Peacemakers
  - A. Know everything is not about them
  - B. Do not have to be right
  - C. Have the habit of silence James 4:10
  - D. Are not bitter but forgive Luke 23:34

#### II. Persecution is Real

- A. The early church faced it Acts 6, James 5:10-11
- B. Christians are dying all over the world
- C. It is coming here

## III. Make sure it is persecution

- A. Take care of your responsibilities 1 Peter 3:17
- B. Be consistent in your witness 1 Peter 3:17
- C. Let your speech glorify the Lord Colossians 4:6

# IV. As you face persecution

- A. Do not be surprised 1 Peter 4:12
- B. Call upon the promises of God *Matthew 28:20*
- C. Do not seek persecution, but know you are blessed when it comes Matthew 5:11

### V. In your daily life

- A. Be consistent in your walk
- B. Pray for those facing persecution
- C. Know your Bible, so you can call on the promises of God

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