

Marks of the Spirit-filled church

Unpopular

John 15:18-16:4



Discussion questions

Are we as rational as we like to think?

1. Expect opposition v18-25

It's a badge of belonging v18-19

It's not about you v20-25.

2. Keep speaking about Jesus v26-27

3. Don't give up v1-4

1. What has particularly struck you from the teaching? In what ways might God be calling you to change your thinking or your behaviour?
2. "because...I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." How does Jesus' teaching about opposition being a badge of belonging help us not to fear it so much?
3. "A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you." How is expecting to avoid hostility a mark of pride? In what ways do we show this attitude?
4. "If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." Have we experienced churches where the ministers pick and choose which bits of Jesus teaching they pass on? How can we practically arrange our lives around making sure we receive faithful teaching?
5. "[The world] hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil." In what ways are we tempted to change Jesus' message to avoid the reception that he got?
6. "...whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God." Have you ever received opposition from devout people? How does Jesus' teaching help us not to be unsettled by such experiences?