

ANTIOCH WEEKLY

11.17.24

Sunday Morning Education Hour

Join us our 9AM Sunday morning Education Hour each week as we engage in teaching & programming for all ages! Our Adult Education Hour Class is located on the second floor in Room B211.

Ladies Cookie Decorating

Ladies, come join us for a cookie decorating party on Saturday, December 14th! We'll meet at Kristin Rehbein's house at 7pm for some fun & fellowship as we decorate Christmas cookies together. Be sure to [sign up on Church Center!](#)

November Prayer Gathering

Join us for an all-church prayer meeting at the Loves' home on 11/18 from 8-9PM to pray over the needs of specific ministries and individuals. See [Church Center](#) for more info and directions!
Need prayer? [Submit a request here](#) for us to pray over it at the meeting.

Contribute Toward the Mission

Want to help Antioch reach the community and make disciples? Give financially through the Church Center app, online at antiochcommunity.org/give, or by dropping your financial gift in the black giving box at the back of our auditorium.

Connect with Us!

If you'd like to get to know more about getting connected to Antioch, or joining one of our Community Groups, be sure to fill out our [online Connection Form!](#) We'd love to help connect you to what's happening in the life of our church!

SERMON NOTES

“The Persecuted Church”

Key Text: 1 Peter 5:8-14

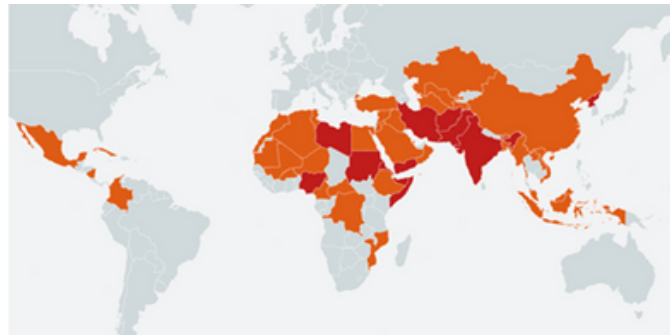
Speaker: Patrick Drury

History of the Persecuted Church

Jesus himself

The 12 Apostles

Matthew 5:10-12



Current state of the Persecuted Church

www.opendoorsus.org

Psalms 116:15

Romans 8:18

Romans 12:14

YouTube “Sarah’s trail of blood”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever been “persecuted”? (Harmed, left out, silenced, etc because of your association with Jesus or acting in his name)

- If so, what happened? How did that make you feel? How did you respond to it? How did it impact your walk with Jesus?

Which would help the health and growth of the church in the USA? More freedom or some persecution? Give reasons for your answer.

In 1 Peter 5:8-14, Peter concludes his letter with encouragements for persecuted believers. Read this passage out loud. If you were under persecution, what parts of this would be encouraging to you?

In what ways did Jesus model how to suffer well? Give examples.

How do you think God feels when his children are harmed for following Him?

- Can you show God feeling that way from Scripture?

Name a spot in the world today where you think Christians are under persecution. Why do you believe that’s the case?

- Take a moment to pray for believers there now.

Open YouTube and search “Sarah’s Tail of Blood”. Watch it now.

- She was making our Christmas lights. Have you ever connected American consumerism with persecution?

Take time to pray for persecuted believers now. Pray also that God would prepare us to suffer well. Read 1 Peter 5:10-11 to close.