

Preparation Questions
John 15.18 – 16.4
Be prepared

Opener: What ways can you think of where Jesus' teaching clashes with the world (ie those who don't believe in Jesus)? Where for you personally will following Jesus clash with the world's values?

Text 1: How does Jesus describe how the world will relate to the disciples in v18 - 21? Why do you think Jesus is saying this to his disciples now, given what he's just said in ch15v16?

Text 2: List the reasons Jesus gives in this passage for why the disciples should expect this to be the case?

Text 3: How does Jesus expose the world's guilt in v22-25? How will knowing this help the disciples?

OT Sharpener: How does Jesus' reference to Psalm 69.4 help the disciples be prepared for the reaction they'll get from the world?

Text 4: How does Jesus provide comfort for the disciples in 15v26 – 16v4? What can the disciple in 2012 learn from this about their role in the world and how they are equipped? Why might the perpetrators of persecution in 16:1-4a be a surprise to the disciples?

Sum up and apply: List some examples of where you/Christians you know in the City and beyond have experienced the disapproval of the world and particular the 'religious' world. What impact might this opposition have on you? How does this passage help prevent us from falling away and instead prepare and equip us to live, love and speak as Jesus' disciples in the City?