

Foster City Campus – February 11, 2018



We are the People of the Cross – Dan Reid

Matthew 10: 16-42

1. What kinds of feelings are invoked in you when you consider the modern day People of the Cross who are persecuted? What action could the church take to support them?
2. Have you ever been hurt by subtle forms of persecution? Share about a wolf like response you have received because of your faith in Christ?
3. Read verses 16-25. What does it mean to you to be snake minded and dove hearted?
4. How does vindication of the (The Son of Man) and His followers encourage perseverance?
5. In verses 26-31, what are the 3 reasons we don't need to fear man? How does this encourage?
6. Read verses 32-34. Why does Jesus use the metaphor of a sword to describe why he came? How do people find true peace?
7. What is Jesus is teaching in verses 35-37? How does knowing God's supremacy over all things help us?
8. Read verses 38-39. Do you agree that these verses reveal one of the greatest paradoxes of Christian discipleship? Discuss the ramifications of not putting upper limits on following Christ.
9. Which of these most apply to you? Discuss and pray for each other about the next step to apply this passage.
 - A. I am "walking wounded" because I am public with me faith.
 - B. I am "unscathed" because I have kept my faith very private.
 - C. I have deliberately put an upper limit on how much I will sacrifice to follow Christ.

South Campus – February 11, 2018



Matthew 10: 16-42 - Dominic Rivera

1. How can someone be “shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves” (v.16)?
2. What elements of hope does Jesus give the disciples as they will encounter future persecution (v.16-23)?
3. What are three reasons that Jesus gives for the disciples to not be afraid (v.26, 28, 31)? What stands out to you about each reason?
4. Describe your personal connection to Jesus’ statements in verses 29-31. How often do you live from the foundation of God’s value of you? Why or why not?
5. How would you summarize verses 34-37 in your own words? What point is Jesus making?
6. What are your thoughts on verse 39? Share a story in which you saw this principle at work in your life.
7. How does this teaching (verses 16-42) impact your personal experience of enduring hardship?