

Haters Gonna Hate
John 15:18-25; 16:1-4a

1. Why does the world _____ Christians? (15:18-25)

- Because it hated _____ before us. (vv. 18, 20)
- Another reason that we shouldn't be surprised about this is that a slave isn't greater than his _____.
- Because we are not of the _____. (v. 19)
- Because they do not know _____. (vv. 21-25)

2. How should we _____ to the hatred of the world? (16:1-4a)

- We should _____ to stumble. (vv. 1-2)
- But because they have been warned, as have we, about the hatred of the world, even severe persecution need not cause us to stumble or _____ from the faith.
- We should _____ that Jesus warned us. (v. 4a; 15:20)
- He's caring for us, too. We too need to remember Jesus' words because someday our _____ will come. (2 Tim. 3:12)
- We should _____. (Acts 5:41; Matt. 5:10-12)
- We should _____ God's help. (15:16)

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of April 12, 2026

Getting to Know Me

- Have you ever been to a reunion or a large group gathering (i.e. wedding, funeral, retirement party) of someone else's family? How did you fit in? How did it feel?

- When you were in high school, were you part of the "in" group? Why or why not?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Look back at vv. 12-17. Count the number of times the word "love" was used. Now count the number of times the word "hate" was used in vv. 18-25. What does that tell you about the importance of our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ in an environment of hate and persecution?

- What does Jesus mean by "the world"? Read the following verses before you answer: 1 John 2:15-17; 5:19; Rom. 12:2; James 4:4; John 3:16; 17:14-16. What should be our relationship to "the world" as Christians?

- How has Jesus' coming highlighted the reality and evil of sin (see vv. 22 & 24)? Does this mean there would be no sin for anyone if Jesus hadn't come? Why or why not?

Application

- Have you ever experienced a time when showing love and speaking truth to someone in the world resulted in hostility and even hatred? What happened? How did that feel?

- Which of the four responses to the hatred of the world (Refuse to stumble, Remember Jesus' warning, Rejoice in your reward, Request God's help) is the hardest for you when you are experiencing persecution or the hatred of the world? Why?