









WEEKEND RECAP DISCUSSION GUIDE

 <p>SERIES & TITLE</p>	LOVE BEYOND...By Developing Grit
 <p>BIG IDEA</p>	The intent of persecution is always to silence, to intimidate, or to eliminate a threat.
 <p>ICE BREAKER</p>	What's your favorite salty snack or food? Why do you enjoy the saltiness?
 <p>MAIN POINTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jesus wants us to be the "salt of the earth" - to go out and make a difference in people's lives. But often we stay comfortable in our own circles.● To make an impact, salt has to come into contact with things other than itself. In the same way, we have to engage with people different than us if we want to influence them.● Persecution often comes when we step out to share our faith. The intent is to silence or intimidate us. But Jesus calls us to persevere.● We need grit - the willingness to keep speaking out even when we face resistance. This is how we can love beyond barriers.
 <p>DISCUSS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend? Why?2. Do you feel like your faith puts you in contact with people very different than you? Why or why not?3. When have you experienced ridicule or resistance for sharing your beliefs? How did you respond?4. What walls or barriers keep you from engaging more with people outside your comfort zone? What would help you push past those?5. What's one way you can demonstrate "grit" this week by loving or serving someone different than you?
 <p>CHALLENGE</p>	How can you step out of your comfort zone this week even when it's difficult? Ask God to give you an opportunity to do so and ask your group to pray for you to have grit.
 <p>SCRIPTURE</p>	<p>Matthew 5:13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.</p> <p>Acts 4:18-22 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."</p>
	

NEXT WEEK

Join us next week as we continue looking at the Book of Acts through the LOVE BEYOND! series.

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