

The Hostility of the World – John 15:18-16:4a

Why does the world hate you? (15:18-20)

- The world hates you because it hated Jesus first. (15:18)

- The world hates you because you do NOT belong to it. (15:19)

- The world hates you because you are NOT greater than Jesus. (15:20)

Who else does the world hate besides Jesus and His disciples? (15:21-27)

What is the greater danger than being hated by the world? (16:1-4a)

Questions for Discussion & Application

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from this passage?
2. What does it mean for Jesus' disciples to not be of the world? What does this look like in your own life?
3. How have you seen or experienced the hatred of the world in your own experiences?
4. Why is it helpful to be expecting rejection, opposition, and hatred from the world?
5. How should we respond to the rejection and hostility of the world? (see Matthew 5:43-45 & Romans 12:14-21)

Memory Verse: John 15:20

Read for Next Sunday: John 16:5-33