**Churches-In-Homes   Week Beginning 26/09/2021**

**Notices:**

1. **Please continue to pray that the infection rate will keep going down.**

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**Title:**  The blessed – The persecuted

**Main text**: Matthew 5:10-12

Additional texts: John 15:18-20, Romans 8:16-18

**Main points for discussion and practical application**

People who are blessed of God, understand that the world in its current rebellious state hate God and His righteous ways, so they accept that their loyalty to God will attract persecution. The realisation that these experiences prove that they are blessed indeed, causes them to rejoice even whilst suffering persecution.

Jesus warned His disciples that this would happen in John 15:18-20. The blessed are to rejoice because they will be specially rewarded in eternity as also stated in Romans 8:16-18

**When you experience undeserved bad treatment …**

1. **Is it general bad treatment? *Respond in a godly manner.***
2. **Is it a direct result of following Jesus? *Rejoice because you are blessed.***

**3. Make sure that you do not participate in persecuting others.**