

Bible Study 6 – Handling persecution – Matthew 10:23-31

When Alan Shlemon states his Christian convictions, he often faces name calling. But he's not surprised by ridicule when he presents a Christian worldview. Instead he recognises it as a form of steamrolling and says "you seem to just be calling me names. Let's talk about our views instead of calling me names". Another approach is to ask, "What do you mean by that?". Often times, it will either not apply to him, if it does apply to him it also applies to them, or it doesn't even matter that it applies at all (because they're attacking character rather than the argument itself).

The context	After Jesus began to preach in Galilee, He chose 12 disciples. Then He preached the sermon on the Mount. After that He healed many and calmed a storm. Then He sent out the 12 to preach to the Jews (that people should repent) and heal. Our study is a part of a passage where Jesus tells the disciples how to deal with persecution. After this Jesus says that both John the Baptist and Himself were rejected (Matthew 11:16-19).
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – Matthew 10:23-31

Flee persecution (v.23)	
Expect persecution (v.24-25)	
Don't fear persecution (v.26-28)	
God's care (v.29-31)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. *What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.*

2. *What I learnt about people like us.*

3. *Summarise a key verse in your own words.*

4. *In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?*

5. *Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?*

6. *If Jesus was called Beelzebub (Satan), what can Christians be called today (Mark 3:22-23)?*

7. *Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?*

Let's be ready to witness for Christ, but expect opposition to this.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

