



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 24:9-14**

Date: **May 1, 2022**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. What does it mean in verse 9 when it says, “They will deliver you up to *tribulation*”? What is meant by the word *tribulation*? How else has this word been translated in Scripture?
3. Persecution occurs on a spectrum. What kinds of persecution are referred to in verse 9? What different kinds of persecutions do we see in the book of Acts?
4. What are the effects of persecution on the church according to verse 10? Why do times of tumult, persecution, and confusion lead to division and infighting in the church?
5. False prophets rise up during times of persecution according to verse 11. Why do you think that is? Why are times of persecution and chaos opportune times for false teaching to thrive?
6. How do we identify and refute false teaching in times of confusion?
7. Why is it that some can successfully deal with the pressures of persecution and deception and yet still succumb to the pressure of lovelessness (see v. 12)? How can we keep our hearts from becoming cold and calloused in response to all that we’ve been through these past two years?
8. Verse 13 says, “*But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*” Why do so few (especially when compared to the ‘many’ mentioned in the previous verses) endure to the end? How do we find the strength and perseverance needed to endure, come what may?