

“Resilient Faith” Group Guide

Series: [RE]UNION

Passage: John 15:18-16:4

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ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever quit something only to regret it later? (Piano lessons, football, a job, etc). Share the story with your group.

Resilient Faith

John 15:18-16:4

Jesus **prepares us for pain** so that we can **persevere in faith**.

~ **Expect** widespread **rejection**.

~ **Understand** the world’s **hatred**.

~ **Anticipate** the Spirit’s **witness**.

Walking by faith **requires resilience** but it **results in abundance**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read John 15:18-16:4

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Who is writing this and what does this say about suffering?

3. Compare multiple translations of John 15:26-27. What do these translations uncover about the role of the Holy Spirit?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

4. What did love look like up until this point in the ministry of Jesus? Now read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Create a list of what love is and what love is not.

5. Did you think life would be easier when you became a Christian? How or how were you not prepared for the hardship and cost that following Him would entail?

6. Followers of Jesus should live their lives in a way that stands out. Take a moment of reflection. Are there aspects of your daily life — past or present — that you may have compromised and followed the way of the world rather than the Way of Jesus? Confess this to the group and receive their grace and encouragement.



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

7. Love Esco Day was a hands-on way to be an embodiment of love. What are some other small ways that Jesus might be asking you to participate to be a blessing to our community?

8. Read Hebrews 13:3. Take a moment and remember there are Christians persecuted in severe ways all across the globe. Pray for them as a group.