Jesus is honest with His disciples about what following Him would cost them – real life persecution. Does this still apply for believers today, and if so, how? What are some modern examples of this for believers? How do Jesus's statements here change how you need to view and respond to persecution or hardship in your life with Christ?

Jesus gets real personal in the final four verses of this section. How do you understand and receive His statement about being delivered by friends and family knowing Jesus experienced the very same thing Himself? How have you experienced loss or pain in your personal relationships due to following Jesus? Has the loss or pain been offset by love and joy in the family of God? If so, how?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Jesus says that by endurance we will gain eternal life. Where in your life are you struggling to endure in the faith? What step do you need to take to be strengthened by the power of Jesus to help you continue to endure in this area? (Hebrews 12:3, Colossians 1:11)

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Luke 21:5-19

WHEN THE WAR IS WAGING, _____.

I. Endure in the _____ of Christ. – v. 5-9

Endure in the wisdom of Christ by _____ to Jesus, _____ Jesus, and _____ Jesus.

II. Endure as a faithful _____ of Christ. – v. 10-15

Endure as a faithful witness for Christ by seizing the _____ to suffer for the Gospel.

III. Endure as one who will _____ with Christ. – v. 16-19

Endure as one who will live with Christ by _____ in His death and resurrection.

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: $13,419

This Month: $12,676

Last Month: $42,373

Monthly Budget: $54,740



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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. CONNECT TO THE TEXT

"It can't beat us!... It's got to quit sometime and we don't."– Pa Ingalls, The Long Winter. Do you have a favorite quote, saying, or mantra that encourages endurance? Something that motivates you to keep going and not give up. What are some synonyms the Bible uses for "endurance", and why do you think it is such a common theme and admonition to believers in Scripture?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Read Luke 21:5-19. Jesus seems to freak the disciples out a little bit when He foretells the destruction of their beloved Temple. Why does He bother to bring it up here and now since there is nothing they can do about it? Even though we don't live in the time between Jesus's ministry and the fall of the Temple, what principles in verses 5-9 still apply to us today and how can we respond to them in our lives?