



Exile Night Discussion Questions

1. Many Christian refugees chose to flee their homes rather than submit to demands that they deny Christ. What is the most difficult sacrifice you can imagine making if you were in their situation? Consider the things you might lose, such as your home, material possessions, friends and community, freedom or comfort.
2. What inspires you the most about our persecuted family? If you had the chance to talk to one of your persecuted brothers or sisters in another country, what would you say to him or her?
3. We have a strong sense of justice in America, but we are told repeatedly in God's Word to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. In light of this, how do you think Christians should respond to what Islamic extremists are doing?
4. As you've learned more about the religion of Islam, how have you grown in your appreciation for Christ and what He did for us on the cross?
5. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:10 that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed. Do you really consider persecution a blessing to our brothers and sisters? What about in your own life?
6. Courage is a common characteristic of persecuted believers. Do you think it would be easy for you to be brave if you were persecuted? What would help you be courageous even during frightening events?
7. When American Christians hear about persecution, some fear that it will happen in our country. How do you think the Western church would respond to persecution?
8. Do you find it difficult to forgive others? Has seeing our persecuted family forgive their persecutors inspired you or helped you in this area?
9. Persecuted believers endure many things, relying on the Lord to sustain them. Think about a time in your life when you had to persevere through a trial. How did you endure that situation?
10. Persecuted Christians are often known for their joy. How do you think they hold onto joy after losing everything else?
11. Why is it often difficult to surrender completely to Christ? What fears might be holding you back?
12. What do you think God could accomplish through you if you were completely dedicated to his purposes?
13. How have you gained a deeper love for our persecuted brothers and sisters through this experience?