

FOLLOW CLOSELY

in Christ's Foundations

FOLLOW CLOSELY ...IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Have _____ that Jesus can withstand every _____ and will uphold you on God's path through it.

- ◆ Opposition to Jesus comes when F _____ is not A _____.

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Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Do I have a well-grounded understanding of who Jesus is, what he has done, and what he has taught?
2. Is there anything in my own thoughts, words or actions that would suggest that I believe I'm entitled to something from God? From other people?
3. Am I applying my faith in the person and work of Jesus to my daily obedience and life situations?
4. Am I angry with God about anything? What do I need to believe is true about God to replace that anger?
5. Am I experiencing opposition because of proclaiming Jesus to the lost? If no, why not? If yes, what seems to be at the heart of the opposition?

Small Group Discussion Questions:

After reading Luke 4:22-30...

- 1) Describe a time when you witnessed "flattery" that was not anchored in reality (it doesn't necessarily have to be flattery of Jesus). Why is this a problem when thinking about how we approach Jesus?
- 2) Where do we see an "entitlement mentality" in Luke 4:22-30, and where do we see it in our day? How and why does this mentality oppose the gospel message?
- 3) Read or summarize 1 Kings 17:1-16 and 2 Kings 5:1-14 that Jesus referenced in Luke 4. What do these stories teach us about "applying our faith?" How is this different than working for our salvation?
- 4) Read Luke 4:28-29. Why were the people so angry with Jesus? What are some reasons we get angry with God? What can we do when this happens?
- 5) Read Luke 4:30. What amazes you about this verse? What encourages you?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss any ways you have seen these roots of opposition in your own lives and/or in the lives of those with whom you are proclaiming Jesus. Pray for one another and for those to whom you are taking the gospel.

