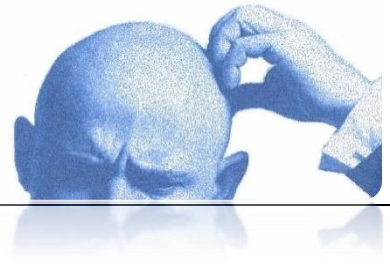


United in Suffering

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

- Have you ever had to suffer because you are a Christian? How? What was it like? How did you respond? What was the outcome?
- Have you ever known someone who has suffered or been persecuted? What happened to them? Were they able to share their experience with you? What did they say?
- Put yourself in the place of the someone who is being persecuted today for the gospel. What do you think that is like? How do you feel?
- What do you think made the apostles so brave?
- If you wrote a postcard to our friends in Northern Kenya, how did you feel?
- Have you or do you rejoice because you are a follower of Jesus? How can you express that? Does it encourage or impel you to share your faith?
- What are some practical things that you would consider doing to unite with our brothers and sisters who are persecuted?
- Ideas –
 - choose a country where Christians are persecuted and commit to pray for them regularly
 - Write a letter once a month (or so) to brothers and sisters in persecuted countries.
 - Go to opendoors.org and consider giving regularly
 - Do some research on the persecuted church.