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November 7, 2021

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~ 2021 World Watch List

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### Discussion Guide

#### *Getting Started*

- How aware of the Persecuted Church is the typical Christian in America?

#### *Digging Deeper*

- Read 2 Timothy 3:12, 1 Peter 5:9, John 16:33 and discuss how these verses relate to persecution.
- Read Matthew 16:25 and discuss how this verse relates to the Persecuted Church and what it might mean for us.

#### *Application questions*

- How can we stay more consistently aware of the Persecuted Church throughout the year?
- What are things we can do to stand with persecuted Christians around the world?
- What should our response be towards those persecuting Christians?

#### *Prayer Requests*

Spend a good part of your prayer time praying for the Persecuted Church. Perhaps use the prayer guide in today's bulletin or pray for the top ten countries in the world where Christians are persecuted.

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