

# DID GOD REALLY SAY?



## PART 3 | HATERS GONNA HATE

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Opening Question

Have you ever experienced opposition or dislike from others and attributed it to your faith? Share your experience.

### Key Takeaways

- 1.) Not all opposition we face is because of our faith in Jesus.
- 2.) Sometimes people dislike us because of our own actions or attitudes, not because of Christ.
- 3.) True persecution for faith comes when we accurately reflect the values of God's kingdom.
- 4.) We need to discern whether our difficulties are a result of following Jesus or following our own will.

### Discussion Questions

- 1.) How can we distinguish between opposition due to our faith and opposition due to our own behavior?
- 2.) Pastor Zach mentioned a "hero complex theology." What does this mean, and how might it manifest in our lives?
- 3.) Discuss the difference between "carrying our cross" as Jesus intended and how we sometimes misapply this concept.
- 4.) How can we ensure we're representing all of Christ's values, not just those that align with our personal agendas?
- 5.) What does it mean to produce "fruit of the Spirit" versus "fruit of the flesh"? How can we evaluate which we're producing?
- 6.) The sermon mentions that the narrow path is difficult. How have you experienced this in your own faith journey?

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### Practical Application

- 1.) *Self-Reflection: This week, when you face opposition or dislike, pause and honestly evaluate if it's because of your faith or your own actions.*
- 2.) *Fruit Check: Make a list of the "fruits" your life is producing. Are they more aligned with the fruits of the Spirit or the flesh?*
- 3.) *Kingdom Values: Identify one value of God's kingdom that you struggle to represent well. Make a plan to grow in that area.*
- 4.) *Scripture Study: Read John 15:18-25 in context. Reflect on how Jesus explains the world's hatred towards Him and His followers.*

### Closing Prayer

Lord, help us to accurately represent Your kingdom. Give us discernment to recognize when opposition is due to our faith and when it's a result of our own shortcomings. Guide us to produce fruit that glorifies You and draws others to Your light. In Jesus' name, Amen.