

**Don't be surprised by the darkness** – 2 Timothy 3:1; 2 Timothy 3:12; John 15:18-20; 1 Cor 12:26

- **We live in dark times** - Hebrews 1:1-2; Acts 2:14-17a; James 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 3:6-9

- **It's always been dark** – Genesis 3:16

- **It will get darker** - Matthew 24:1-9

**Pray for the persecuted church** – *Hebrews 13:3; Acts 12:5; Acts 16*

**Prepare yourself for persecution** – *2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Tim 3:10-11; 2 Thess 1:4; Acts 16:35-40; Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 5:41; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 1:12-14; Acts 28:16; 28:30-31; Philippians 3:10; 1 Corinthians 12:26*

**Application**