FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 13:5-13,21-27,32-33

SESSION SUMMARY

Over and over Jesus warned that following Him wouldn't be easy. Today's passages contain one of those warnings: We shouldn't just think persecution *might* happen; we should expect it. False prophets will come, but Jesus will come again one day. So, we must be rooted in God's Word and ready for Jesus's return. These are the main ideas:

- We can expect persecution (Mark 13:5-13).
- We can expect Jesus's return (Mark 13:21-27,32-33).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has someone in our family experienced persecution for his or her faith—whether being left out, made fun of, or something else?
- What can our family do to prepare ourselves to face persecution? How can we encourage each other when we face it?
- Why is it so important for our family to be grounded in biblical truth as we wait for Jesus to return?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

The idea of being prepared for Jesus to return can sound daunting, but through Himself, His Holy Spirit, and His Word, Jesus has given us everything we need to live prepared. This means knowing Him, leaning into the Holy Spirit to try to become more like Jesus each day, sharing the gospel with those who don't know Jesus, and helping new believers grow in their faith. Simply put: We are to continually grow in the kingdom of God. Take a few minutes to discuss what this could look like for your family specifically. How will you carry out these things individually and as a family?

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