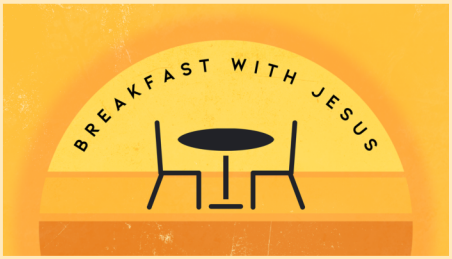
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Fountain of Life Church
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PART 13

connect to your
PURPOSE

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

HOW TO DEAL WITH HATERS

MESSAGE NOTES

JOHN 15:18-27 NLT

connecting PEOPLE to GOD, the CHURCH and their PURPOSE.

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SERMON RECAP

Jesus warns His followers: if the world hated Him, it will hate you too. The church often wants power without pressure, blessing without battle — but God's power is perfected in weakness and shown when we stay faithful in opposition.

You may have haters because you're not a nice person — or because your life exposes their sin. The hatred Christians should expect is the latter. The battery illustrates the point. It only produces power when positive and negative are connected. Likewise, God's power flows through us when blessing and opposition are both connected to our witness.

Jesus doesn't leave us alone in the opposition. He sends the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who testifies to the truth — and He calls us to testify too.

ICEBREAKER

Tell the group about a time you were criticized or rejected for taking a stand for Christ. What did that moment teach you about your faith?

"EXPECT THE HATE"

READ JOHN 15:18-21

Key idea: The world hated Jesus first. If the world hates you, it's often because your life exposes what it wants to hide.

How would your life look different If you expected opposition instead of approval?

Pastor Joe said, “Abiding in Jesus bears fruit, but with the fruit comes friction.” How have you experienced friction along with your fruit?

“COME OUT OF THE WORLD”

READ JOHN 15:19 and JOHN 17:16–18

Key idea: Being “out of the world” means separating from the system’s values, not isolating from people.

How can we, as Pastor Joe said, “separate from the world, but integrate with people’s hearts”?

Pastor Joe said, “You cannot be a conduit without contact.” How can we as the church make contact with people without blending in or conforming to culture?”

“BOLDLY TESTIFY”

READ JOHN 15:26–27

Key idea: The Spirit testifies about Jesus — and so must we. Our mission doesn’t stop when resistance starts.

How can you boldly testify to someone who opposes or misunderstands you?

When have you seen the Holy Spirit give you boldness in a hostile situation?

How can your testimony be both attractive and truthful?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

John 15:18 (NLT) — "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first."

ACTION STEP

Choose one brave contact this week: reach out to someone you might normally avoid because of differing beliefs or tension. Make contact with humility, love, and a readiness to testify about what Jesus has done in your life.

IRON GROUPS

- **Break into gender specific groups for prayer and deeper reflection.**
- Identify one "hater" (or difficult relationship) in your life. Pray specifically for them and ask God how to engage them in love this week.
- Commit to one tangible step: call, text, invite, serve, or pray for someone who resists the gospel.



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What's happening at Fountain of Life Church