**Word: Trouble is Coming – *Shayne Brown***

John 15:18-25 & 16:1-4, 32-33

**The Cold Hard truth**

15:18-21, 16:1-4, 32-33

**Degrees of Persecution**

**Causes of Early Persecution**

* **They were Insurrectionaries**
* **They were Cannibals**
* **They were Immoral**
* **They were Doomsdayers**
* **They were Divisive**

**Causes of Persecution Today**

* **Going against the Flow.**
* **Speaking about Sin, Injustice, and the need for God**
* **Being “Intolerant”**

**The call to Love**

Matthew 5:43-48, John 15:9-17

**Take Aways:**

1. **Peace in the Storm**
2. **Victory in Jesus**

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1. Take time to review Sunday’s teaching. What was one idea or thought that really grabbed your attention? What was something you disagreed with or that challenged you the most?
2. Read Romans 12:9-21.
3. Take turns reading until you get to the end of the section. Try to have many different translations if possible.
4. What word, verse or concept stands out to you as you read through this passage? Why does it stand out to you?
5. What differences did you notice between the translations?
6. Is there anything in this passage you have a hard time with or have questions about?
7. What does this passage reveal to us about God?
8. How does living in light of the victory of Jesus help us to live out this idea of loving our enemy, praying for those who persecute us etc?
9. What action can you take this week to put this learning into action?
10. Spend some time sharing about your weeks and praying for one another as we live out our faith in our day to day lives.