**Small Group Notes - 10th December 2023**

**Church opposed: Persecution, Faithfulness, Rejoice**

**Book of Acts 5:17-42**

* Why do Churches in the UK support Christians who are being persecuted? – Let’s read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

Bible Verses about Persecution:

* Explain what these verses teach Christians about Persecution.

MATTHEW 5: 10-12

MATTHEW 5: 43-44

 JOHN 15:18-20

 JAMES 1:2-4

ROMANS 8: 35-39

 2 CORINTHIANS 12: 9-10

* How can we stay **faithful** to the Lord in times of peace and persecution?
* Here in the UK, we are not persecuted as Christians but how can we participate in the suffering and persecution of our brothers and sisters?

Praying for Christians who are imprisoned or at risk of being attacked or arrested can change the reality for them.

Our prayers can go where we cannot…There are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed to us when we pray (Brother Andrew).

**World Watch List Top 20 Countries**

North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, India, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Maldives, China, Mali, Iraq, Algeria, Mauritania

* We gathered to learn the word of God, pray, have fellowship, and break the bread. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and rejoicing as weseek to share this amazing good news in our neighbourhoods.