# **MESSAGE**NOTES



#### PAY ATTENTION!

- $\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow$  What would you do if the free exercise of your faith was outlawed?
- A → You are to <u>continue to faithfully follow</u>
  <u>Jesus Christ</u> (Daniel 6:10, 13, 16, 20)!
- 1. By being a...productive member of society who lives a life of integrity (6:1-9, 28)
- 2. By refusing to ... take your faith into hiding (6:10)
- 3. By remaining confident... when the odds are stacked against you (6:11-15)
- 4. By recognizing every... <u>circumstance as an</u> <u>opportunity for God to be honored</u> (6:16-22)
- 5. By staying...<u>respectful and refusing to retaliate</u> (6:21-27)

#### the one thing:

Who are you paying attention to?

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

# TAKING ITHOMENOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

#### 1 KEEPING IT REAL

What do you think about the statement, "it is normal for believers to be persecuted"?

# O LOOK AT THE BOOK

We know from Scripture that government rulers are appointed by God (John 19:11; Daniel 4:17), yet Scripture also tells that there are may be times that we are hated or persecuted by them (John 15:18-25, 16:1-2). Read through Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17, calling out the reasons why we as believers are called to submit, even to those who might hate us.

- Not only are we to submit, Christ calls us to go above and beyond. What is expected of believers according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Romans 12:14-19?
- / THE NEXT STEP

What can you do according to Philippians 3:7-12 to change your perspective when you are being persecuted for Christ?

## **NEXTSTEPS**

- Memorize Hebrews 11:6.
- Decide what you need to continue to do.
- O Share an Ephesians 3:20-21 story from your life!
- Other

# october is pastor appreciation month

It's a time to be purposeful in coming alongside our leaders in love and support; applaud their efforts and shoulder their burdens. This month, take time to send a card, buy a lunch, give a Facebook shout-out, decorate a church office or give a gift card. The gesture doesn't have to be large to be a blessing.

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