

# WORTH IT!

## Matt. 5.10-12

*Focus: on treasuring Jesus as our heavenly reward that makes all our troubles worth it.*

### RESOURCES:

Here is a helpful article on our text:

[https://www.desiringgod.org/  
messages/blessed-are-the-  
persecuted](https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/blessed-are-the-persecuted)

Here is the link to the video "That's  
My King"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=ZKsN-AeqJP0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKsN-AeqJP0)



### Discussion:

- Do you know of someone who has just given up and walked away from the faith or from obedience to Christ in an area of their life? What factors pressed them in that direction?
- What is your reaction to what Paul says in 2 Tim. 3.12?
- Read Matt. 5.10-12; Acts 5.40-41; Rom. 8.18; 2 Cor. 4.17 and Heb. 10.34 (you may want to read a bit more context for some). What themes emerge concerning motivation to endure hardship in following Christ?
- How does the teaching of Rev. 21. 3-4 make you long for heaven? What is
- How can keeping the great reward of heaven (being with the Triune God) before you motivate you in the face of suffering and trials? How can you do that better this year?
- How can you encourage one another with this hope in 2019? How can you weave it regularly into your conversations together?
- Use the prayer prompts attached to the 2019 priority as a guide for your prayer time together.
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## **Bumper Sticker: Worth It!**

- **Key Words:** Hope/Heaven
- **Full statement of priority:** *to help us more fully grasp the joy and wonder of eternity with God such that we are increasingly:*
  - *Daily mindful of the heavenly hope that is ours in Christ*
  - *Willing to persevere in hardship and suffering in light of our hope*
  - *Eager to offer this hope to the people God has placed in our lives*
- **Key verse:**
  - *Romans 8.18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*
  - *cf. also Matt. 5.10-12; 2 Cor. 4.16-18; Heb. 10.32-36; 1 Pet. 4.12-14*
- **Prayer:**
  - *pray that we would grasp the awesome hope of eternal life with God!*
  - *pray that our vision of heaven (and all that is associated with it) will make our present suffering worth it all such that we would persevere in loving obedience to Christ*
  - *pray that we would be all the more eager to share the hope of eternity with our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and all those God puts in our lives that don't have this hope!*