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## The Voice of the Martyrs 6 - Week "i am n" Study

Learn about the true stories of persecution taking place in the Middle East today.

DEXTER, Missouri - Sunday April 17th Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church will be starting the "i am n" study about the persecuted

Christians in northern Iraq. Radical Muslims (ISIS) are spray-painting the Arabic letter ?, or "N," on the homes and businesses of Christians.

This publicly identifies the property owners as Christ-followers and soon after the persecution begins.

This 6 week study put together by Voice of the Martyrs and David Cook publishing explores the true stories of Christians who have been

persecuted by the radical Muslims (ISIS.) These Christ-followers are given a choice; convert to Islam, leave or die. We will see how these courageous believers refused to deny their faith, and more than 100,000 fled with little more than the clothes on their backs. These 6 weeks will inspire participants to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and witness with boldness and joy to their friends, family and co-workers.

These lessons will challenge us to examine our own lives in light of the stories of persecuted Christians. Each classes will include a scripture,

short video, Bible study and response questions focused on the themes of — forgiveness, sacrifice, faithfulness, joy, perseverance and courage. There is also a companion book with 50 true stories of Christians facing Islamic extremists that are organized into 6 chapters reinforcing the 6 themes that participants will read prior to each week's class.

The engaging video curriculum presents true stories of Christians facing Islamic extremists around the world. Each 15-minute video includes interviews with persecuted Christians as well as commentary and teaching by leaders from The Voice of the Martyrs and other leading missions organizations.

Have you ever considered the cost of flowing Jesus? Do you ever pray for the persecuted around the world? Have you ever wondered how you would respond if you faced direct persecution as these Christians do? This study will assure you that you do have everything you need to respond well. If you have Christ, you have everything you need.

The goal of this study is not to elicit pity for persecuted Jesus followers in hostile Muslim countries. Nor is it intended to stimulate any hatred for Muslims. The goal is to share the stories of persecuted Christians so you will stand with them, care for them, encourage them and pray for them. The key scripture for the study is,

"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Hebrews 13:3.

Class leader Rodney Jetton added, "The "*i am n*" study reminds us that wherever we live, we are the brothers and sisters of those who are persecuted. So come meet them and their families. Read their stories. Learn from them, pray for them and deepen your faith in a God who gives us the courage to love even our persecutors." The meetings will start at 9:45 a.m. at Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church located at 1207 Elk

Street in Dexter, Missouri across from the Tyson plant. For more information call or email class leader Rodney Jetton at rodjetton@gmail.com or 573-225-4444.

**The Voice of the Martyrs** (VOM) is a nonprofit interdenominational missions organization seeking to awaken the West to the persecution faced by our Christian brothers and sisters and to provide ways to stand with them. Our fellowship with persecuted Christians is two-fold: 1) helping with practical needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, and medical and legal assistance, and 2) serving with the persecuted as they advance God's kingdom by providing them with Bibles, ministry tools, and support for pastors and lay workers. The Voice of the Martyrs works in more than 60 nations where Christians face hostility and systematic persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Founded in 1967, VOM is dedicated to inspiring all believers to deepen their commitment to Christ and to fulfill his Great Commission no matter what the cost.

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