

# Today's Martyrs



*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## **Classroom materials – Under Caesar's Sword**

### **Discussion questions**

1. What are your general thoughts about the documentary?
2. What did you learn about persecution, in particular who is promoting it and how severe it is? Did anything surprise you?
3. Why do you think Christians took these different measures of survival, construction, and confrontation? Can you relate to them?
4. Why do you think levels of violence and repression change? What do you make of the fact that neither persecution nor safety remains constant?
5. There are three main themes from the video: homeland and exile, the meaning of suffering for Christians, and religious freedom. How does understanding these themes help us reflect on the reality of Christian persecution today?
6. Is there some way we could express solidarity with persecuted Christians? Does their example have any lessons for us as we try to bear witness to the Gospel and Christian teaching with clarity and courage?
7. What other questions should we ask?

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