1. **Read Matthew 23:33-39.**
2. Compare Jesus’ words in verse 33b with I Thessalonians 2:16b.

What are Jesus and Paul saying about the “fate” of the Jews?

1. Who was Jesus going to send to the Jews? (verse 34)
2. What were the Jews going to do to these people? (verse 34)
3. Why was Jesus going to send prophets to the Jews if He knew the Jews would persecute and kill them? (verse 35)
4. How does Paul’s statement, “to fill up the measure of their sins”

(I Thessalonians 2:16) help you understand what Jesus is doing?

1. For the death of how many prophets is God holding the Jews responsible? (verse 35)
2. How was that judgment brought upon the generation of Jews to whom Jesus was speaking? (verse 36)
3. Why was God justified in ultimately bringing judgment upon the Jews? (verse 37)
4. The Roman general Titus destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D. How did that destruction fulfill Jesus’ final prophecy about the Jews? (verses 38-39)
5. **From the following verses, describe Paul’s activity as one who opposed the spread of the Gospel:**
6. Acts 8:3
7. Acts 9:13-14
8. Acts 9:21
9. Acts 22:4
10. Galatians 1:13, 23
11. Describe any effects at opposing the Gospel of true Christianity on your part before becoming a Christian:
12. What insight do your own experiences give you now in reaching others for Christ?
13. **Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11.**
14. What is the topic of these verses? (verses 8, 10)
15. What warning does Paul give the Corinthians in verse 11?
16. What could Satan do in this situation to “hinder” the work of the church?
17. How does this make you think differently about times when you are tempted not to forgive or extend love to someone who has sinned?
18. **What does II Corinthians 10:3-5 tell you about the nature of combating Satan’s schemes?**
19. How do you overcome those hindrances? (verse 5b)
20. Describe any work for God in which you are being hindered now (or in the recent past):
21. Can you assign the hindrance to Satan? Why or why not?
22. What is the best way for you to remove it and accomplish the work?