## Resisting the Polarizing Powers Gathering Group Discussion Questions

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite dessert?
Question #1: What stood out to you the most from the sermon?
Question #2: Read Matthew 5:10-12.
What did the disciples do that got them persecuted?
What did the early church do that got them persecuted?
Question #3:
How does the "us vs. them" mindset shape our common life today?
What are some examples?
How have you seen this "us vs. them" pattern in the church?
Question #4:
Why would refusing to play the "us vs. them" game result in persecution?
Question #5:
What does it look like to opt out of the "us vs. them" pattern?
Can you name a concrete situation where you can offer a Kingdom pattern?
How can you support each other in this?