



CHURCH DETOX

AN HONEST LOOK AT GOD AND FAITH

JUNE 24 & 25

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Our mission is to inspire people to
follow Jesus and fearlessly
change the world.

YOUR NEXT STEP

visit the **WELCOME CENTER**
on the patio where you'll find
ways to get connected and
opportunities to serve

CONNECT ONLINE

marinerschurch.org



WEEKEND SERVICES

Sat 5p • Sun 9 & 11a

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CONNECT CARD

today's date / /

name

phone

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birthday / /

☐ I've **decided to follow Jesus** for the first time today!

☐ I'm **new to Mariners**

☐ I'd like to receive **The Compass** weekly e-news

☐ I'm interested in joining a **Life Group**

☐ I'm interested in **serving** ☐ **on campus** ☐ **through Outreach**

or you can fill out a Connect Card online at marinerschurch.org/connect

Our hope is you will find Mariners to be a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely and experience **community for life.**

For info on all our events, visit marinerschurch.org



DIASPORA REFUGEE MINISTRY INFO MEETING

Sun, Jul 9 • 12:30p • Life Dev Bld r203

Hear what God has been doing to make this ministry possible and find out how you can be part of building bridges between the Church and our neighbors across all borders.

search: **refugee**

MARINERS CHURCH SUMMER SATURDAY NIGHTS

JUL 8 - AUG 19 • AFTER THE 5P SERVICE



GOOD TIMES • MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS & MORE



MEN OF MARINERS

search: **men**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

search: **women**

MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE



GIVE ONLINE

once or set up a recurring gift
marinerschurch.org/give



OFFERING BOXES

near the exits as you leave

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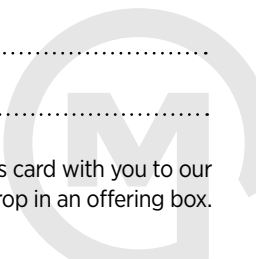
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Please bring this card with you to our
Welcome Center or drop in an offering box.



DETOXING PERSECUTION

Acts 5:13-42

Detoxing and closing the gap

Detoxing persecution

Misunderstood, criticized, harassed, oppressed

...Since they persecuted me, naturally they will **persecute you**... John 15:20

...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer **persecution**.
2 Timothy 3:12

Setting our expectations

...all the people had **high regard** for them. Acts 5:13

The high priest and his officials, who were Sadducees, were filled with **jealousy**
...the high council was **furiously** and decided to **kill them**. Acts 5:17,23

Persecuted for the wrong reasons

Judgmental, obnoxious, unnecessarily against, weird

Persecuted for the right reasons

Acts 5:17-28,34-40

- Following Jesus, not religion

- Countercultural

The high priest and his officials, who were **Sadducees**, were filled with **jealousy**. Acts 5:17

- Our message

...“We must obey God...raised **Jesus** from the dead after you killed him by hanging him on a cross. Then God put him in the place of honor...repent of their sins and be forgiven...” When they heard this, the high council was **furiously** and decided to **kill them**. Acts 5:29-31,33

Detoxing persecution (cont.)

The hope in persecution

- Following Jesus

“But if it is from God, you will **not be able to overthrow them**. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!” Acts 5:39

...the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his **comfort**... 2 Corinthians 1:5

...we also glory in our sufferings...suffering produces **perseverance**... **character, hope**. Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

But those who trust in the Lord will find **new strength**... Isaiah 40:31

I want to **know** Christ...participation in his sufferings, **becoming like him**...
Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

...They called in the apostles and had them **flogged**. Then they **ordered** them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them **worthy** to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. Acts 5:40-41

- Embracing our God-given opportunities

And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this **message**: “**Jesus is the Messiah**.” Acts 5:42

When persecution works...“secret Christians”

The One Year Study Bible reading for June 25-July 1: 2 Kings 8-19, etc.