

TORTURED *for* CHRIST

Discussion Questions

- 1 What inspires you the most about Richard Wurmbrand's testimony? If you had the chance to talk to him, what would you want to say?
- 2 Jesus tells us that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed. Do you really consider persecution a blessing to Christians? What about in your own life?
- 3 Richard and Sabina exemplified powerful faithfulness and courage. Do you think it would be easy for you to remain faithful if you faced persecution? What would help you to be courageous even during frightening events?
- 4 We have a strong sense of justice in America. But we are told repeatedly in God's Word to love our enemies, and we see Richard's example of even praying for his torturer while in prison. In light of this, how do you think Christians should respond when people attack, harass or mistreat them?
- 5 Do you find it difficult to forgive others? Have you been inspired or helped in this area by seeing how the Wurmbrands loved their enemies?
- 6 Like the Wurmbrands, persecuted believers today endure many hardships, relying on the Lord to sustain them. Think about a time in your life when you had to persevere through a trial. How did you endure that situation?
- 7 Richard, Sabina and members of their church went to great lengths to reach Russian soldiers with the gospel, often at great risk to their own safety. What efforts do you make to reach out to those around you whom you know are far from Christ?
- 8 Why do you think the Wurmbrands were so passionate and motivated to reach the lost? Why should we be motivated as well?
- 9 Why is it often difficult to surrender completely to Christ? What fears might be holding you back?
- 10 God used the lives and testimony of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand to impact thousands of lives throughout the world. What do you think God could accomplish through you if you were completely dedicated to his purposes?