

### **INSPIRED BY THOSE WHO SHARE CHRIST AT ANY COST**

#### Rocio Pino

COLOMBIA

**“ALL WHO COME HERE WILL HEAR  
ABOUT CHRIST.”**

**SHOT TO DEATH BY MARXIST  
GUERRILLAS IN COLOMBIA BECAUSE SHE  
REFUSED TO STOP SHARING THE GOSPEL.**

Rocio Pino was known for sharing the gospel wherever she went. “All who come here will hear about Christ,” she had said about her life in one of Colombia’s red zones, areas that are controlled by the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia (FARC).

But Rocio’s witness for Christ to guerrilla fighters drew the attention of this violent Marxist group. One day a female guerrilla fighter stopped by Rocio’s house, and Rocio shared the gospel with her. “The Lord is waiting for you,” she told the woman, handing her a New Testament.

A few weeks later, Rocio was gunned down on her doorstep by members of the FARC in retaliation for her witness to the young guerrilla fighter. And because the road to her village was heavily mined and guarded by armed FARC guerrillas, no emergency services responded. Rocio’s husband and children were left to watch Rocio die.

Rocio and her family chose to live and share the gospel in this dangerous area of Colombia, knowing the risks, because they took Jesus’ Great Commission seriously. Though it cost Rocio her life, her Christian witness amid violent Marxist oppression was worthy of Christ and advanced His kingdom.



## Questions for Group, Class and Family Discussion

PLEASE WATCH THE FREE 5-MINUTE VIDEO OF ROCIO PINO'S STORY AT [PERSECUTION.COM/MARTYR](http://PERSECUTION.COM/MARTYR).

What were your initial thoughts and feelings as you watched the video? What stood out to you about Rocio Pino and her life in Colombia? Explain.

### READ ROMANS 5:1-11

What do you think "rejoicing in hope of the glory of God" means? How did Rocio's bold witness demonstrate that she lived in hope of the glory of God? Explain.

Rocio's epitaph is "All who come here will hear about Christ." What inspires you about that type of obedience? Explain. What do you want your own epitaph to be?

Paul lists some things that a great faith in God does in us. Take a moment to look through that list (Romans 5:3-5). Which of those characteristics do you desire most? Why? Which of those characteristics do you not desire and seek to avoid? Why?

Think of your own journey as a Christian: How has suffering produced endurance? How has endurance produced character? How has character produced hope?

How does Rocio's story demonstrate Paul's description of what Jesus modeled in Romans 5:6-8? How does Rocio's willingness to give her life for those who were opposed to the gospel inspire you? Are there specific people you know who are opposed to the things of Christ? Would you consider reaching out to them? What is one step you could take?

### READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

When did you first read or learn about this passage, known as the Great Commission? Today? Weeks ago? Months ago? Years ago?

For many of us, our knowledge of God's Word far outpaces our obedience to it. This knowledge-obedience gap diminishes as we become mature biblical disciples.

Rocio is an example of a biblical disciple whose obedience matched her knowledge.

Pause for a moment and evaluate your own knowledge-obedience gap.

What specific steps are you willing to take in obedience to Jesus' commission?

## Prayer Focus:

Pray for Christians who live in places where obedience to Christ's command to make disciples results in opposition, imprisonment and even death. Pray that our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ will walk through suffering to gain endurance, character and hope as they share Christ at any cost.

Pray for your own commitment to Christ, that each day you will close the distance between your knowledge of God's Word and your obedience to it.

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