Turning Points: Pressing Forward

1 Peter 4:1-11

Suffering is a non-negotiable on this side of Eternity. The Lord Himself has warned us about the trials we would face while walking this Earth. How do followers of Jesus Christ endure the hardships of life?

Followers of Christ have their minds and hearts transformed and endure the temporary suffering of this world by...

- I. Understanding they are called (1 Peter 4:1-6)
 - A. To adopt a Christ-like resolve (1-2)
 - B. To embrace the persecutions the end is near (3-6)
- II. Bringing Glory to God in a community of loving service by (1 Peter 4:7-11)
 - A. Loving one another earnestly (7-9)
 - B. Sharing their gifts with one another, teaching the Word and serving His people (10-11)

Jesus warned us about the trials we would face but promised us He would be with us until the end.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are equipped to endure the hardships of life for His Glory, abandoning the old sinful practices and fully engaging in the mission of our church family.

- 1. We are either going to suffer as a consequence of our sins or for being obedient to His Word. How does 1 Peter 4:1-6 affect the way you perceive the challenges you are facing?
- 2. Life in community is an essential part of our walk with the Lord and how He planned our life on earth to look like. How can you become an even more vibrant part of the Body of Christ by loving and serving our church family?