1 Peter 4:1-11

Key Verse 4:1

*“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.”*

1. Read verses 1-3. What attitude should the believers arm themselves with? (1) What does suffering in the body accomplish in the life of a believer? How can they hope to live after suffering in the body? (2) How did the believers live in the past? (3) Why do people live like pagans?
2. Read verses 4-6. How did the pagans respond to the lifestyle of the believers? (4) What consequence would the pagans face for their lifestyle choices? (5) What was the result of the gospel being preached to those that had since died? (6)
3. Read verses 7-9. How should the believers prepare for God’s coming judgement? (7) What ought to be the priority for their lifestyle? (8) Why? How could they love each other deeply in a practical sense? (9)
4. Read verses 10-11. What purpose did gifts have in the lives of the believers? (10, 8) What gifts did Peter specify? (11) What instructions did he give regarding these gifts? What was the purpose of these instructions?