



# WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

STUDY GUIDE | MARCH 6, 2022

## TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY

### THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- God's people are agents of hope!
- Extend extravagant goodwill to others and develop deep connection with one another.
- Embody and mediate the loving presence of God to others..

### LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Speaking of the believers to whom this letter was written, Pastor Andrew says they were, *"scattered, distressed, tested by various trials, persecuted, tempted to compromise their faith and conform to the surrounding pagan cultures."*  
In what ways do you think our lives today are similar to the lives of those early believers? In what ways are they different?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:22-23. What do you think it looks like to "love one another deeply, from the heart?" Have you ever experienced love like that? Have you extended it to others?
4. 1 Peter 2:1 says that we should rid ourselves of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander. Which of these vices do you think would be the easiest to get rid of in your life? Which would be the hardest?
5. Pastor Andrew quotes Emil Brunner who says, *"The church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning."* What do you think he means by that? How does this challenge your understanding of the purpose of the church? How does this challenge your understanding of your own purpose (as a part of the church)?
6. What is one way you can mediate the presence of God to others this week?

**LET'S PRAY:** Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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