One of the most difficult transitions that any Christian has to make is letting go of our identity with the culture in which we grew up and fully identifying with the culture of the Kingdom of God. When Peter wrote his letter to the churches of Asia Minor, the primary idea was that they were foreigners, because they were now citizens of the kingdom of God.

I Peter 4:13 says, "- for these trials make you partners with Christ..."

This Sunday we will be considering what it looks like "to be partners with Christ" and how "these trials make us partners with Christ in his suffering. Read Colossians 1:24, Philippians 1:27-30: 3:1-11 and reflect on their implications for our engagement with the world around us.