

UNSHAKABLE

STANDING FIRM IN A SHAKING WORLD

A STUDY OF PETER'S FIRST EPISTLE
UNSHAKABLE IDENTITY: 1 PETER 2:4-10

LISTENING GUIDE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU TO READ AHEAD OF TIME AND CONTEMPLATE WHILE LISTENING.

- Peter's story and how it can shape our identity understanding.
- Listen and look for mental pictures and examples.
- Notice what Peter doesn't speak about much.
- Listen for the connection of who we are and why we're here.

TALK ABOUT IT

| THIS SECTION LETS YOU DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD AND SERMON CONTENT.

- In the passage, Peter calls Jesus the "living Stone" and believers "living stones." What does this mean?
 - What are these stones being built into?
 - What does that picture teach us about our relationship with Jesus?
 - What does it teach us about our relationship with one another?
- Why is our response to Jesus so central to our identity?
 - What does it look like to practically build a life around Jesus as opposed to simply adding Him to a life?

| Open Discussion: The sermon reminds us that "the house takes shape only when the stones are set together." Where are you tempted to approach "following Jesus" as an individual pursuit? How might God use other believers (including people you might not naturally choose) to shape you into the person He's making you to be?

- Peter gives the church some remarkable names. What are they? What do they mean?
A chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, God's special possession.
- Describe the purpose for those identities.

| Open Discussion: Open Discussion: Of all the descriptions Peter gives God's people in this passage, which one speaks most powerfully to you right now and why?

LIVING A STEADFAST LIFE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR US TO CONSIDER HOW TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES.

- Where in your life do you most need to remember who you are because of Jesus?

- How should knowing who we are change the way we live among people who do not yet know Jesus?
- What is one practical step you could take this week toward being more deeply connected to the people God is building around you?
- Who in your everyday life needs to see the goodness of God through the way you speak, serve, forgive, encourage, or simply show up?

| Concluding Point: A loose stone can be moved easily but a stone built into a house and resting on a solid cornerstone is much harder to shake. Peter's picture of an unshakable life isn't one of rugged independence. It is a life anchored to Jesus and joined to His people.

PRAY

| THINGS TO CONSIDER PRAYING FOR, A GUIDE/REFERENCE.

- Thank God that our identity rests in His mercy rather than our performance.
- Ask Jesus to remain the cornerstone around whom we build our lives.
- Pray that He would continue building us together into a people who make His goodness visible to those around us.