



***Jesus is the Cornerstone.***  
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**Key Verses:** 1 Peter 2:4-10

**Key Thought:** As part of the fulfillment of the temple and priests of the Old Covenant, God is building us together on the living cornerstone of Jesus so that we would truly become the sphere of His dwelling, mediate His grace to others, and offer spiritual sacrifices to Him.

**Points to Consider:**

- 4: Jesus as a living cornerstone refers to the significance of the resurrection— through which Jesus became the basis and means by which humans can overcome death.
- 5: We are built UP as we are built TOGETHER upon the foundation of Jesus. —> We do not mature in the faith when isolated (cf. Ephesians 4:11-16).
- 5: God builds us together upon Jesus so that we can mediate His grace. —> God has called Christ Community Church to awaken the broken to a life of wholeness found in Jesus. We fulfill that mission together.
- Romans 12:1-2: The most important spiritual sacrifice is offering ourselves— part of which is as a living stone for God's plan and purpose in and through the church.

**Discussion Prompts:**

- What does the image of a living cornerstone convey about Jesus?
- Have you resisted God's work in building you together with others? How so?
- How does our being built together support those purposes of verse 5?
- What is a way that you could offer yourself as a sacrifice for God's plan and purpose in and through the church?