



“Out of A Pile of Rocks”

1 Peter 2:1-10

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

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(Other passages consulted: 1 Pet. 1:22-23, Gen. 2:15, 1:28, 1 Cor. 3:1-2, Heb. 5:12-14, 2 Tim. 16-17, Rom. 12:1-2)

DISCUSS

1. Pastor Patrick said both a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose and meaning are essential parts of what it means to be human; it is how we were designed. In your experience, do you believe that to be true? Why or why not?

2. Read 1 Peter 2:1 (see also 1:22, 23). Why do you think Peter listed these particular sins? How might these particular sins damage both our sense of belonging and purpose?
3. Pastor Patrick talked about a **crazy cycle** that he believes must be broken if we are to experience greater belonging in our lives. The cycle is as follows:
 - The need: Belonging.
 - The fear: not belonging.
 - Response: We pose, pretend, envy, and slander to belong.
 - Result: Greater isolation (*i.e. less belonging*).
 - Back to fear (*and so on*).

The irony is that we often are working against the very thing we need. Have you experienced this cycle in your own life? How did it make you feel?

4. Read 1 Peter 2:2. How might his answer the crazy cycle?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:1-10 and discuss. Identify all that relates to both belonging and purpose. What does it mean to be a “living stone?” What is the “spiritual house” for (i.e. its purpose)?
6. What has been confronted by this text? How has your faith been challenged by this text? What’s your next move?