

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 2:4-10

We're made into God's house when we align with Jesus.

- 1 Peter 2:4
- 1 Peter 2:6-7
- 1 Peter 2:4-5
- 1 Peter 2:4
- 1 Peter 2:6-8

Align with the rejected Jesus and God honors us.

- 1 Peter 2:9-10

We need to open the doors and bring in more people.

- 1 Peter 2:9

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. If our lives were likened to a building, on what things do people try to build their foundation? In the past, who or what did you look to for purpose and as the foundation of your life?
2. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** The passage says believers are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. How does understanding this identity influence your sense of purpose as a believer?
3. **Read James 2:14-17.** What practical expressions of faith does Peter point out in 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10? Which one do you find difficult to express in your life?
4. **Read 1 Peter 2:8.** Why do some people find Jesus offensive, and what are the consequences of disobeying His word? How can believers navigate sharing the Gospel in a world that might perceive it as offensive?
5. Reflecting on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 and the call to share the Gospel in 1 Peter 2:9, identify one practical way you can intentionally engage with someone who may need to hear about Jesus this week. What barriers might you need to overcome to share the message effectively?
6. 1 Peter 2:4 refers to Jesus as the cornerstone. What are some practical ways we can ensure Jesus remains the foundation of our lives individually and as a community?
7. **Read Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Peter 2:4-10.** How does the early church's emphasis on togetherness align with the shared purpose described in 1 Peter where believers are likened to *living stones*? How can our current dedication to community, as these *living stones*, help build and sustain a vibrant, purposeful community today? What's one characteristic of the early church you'd love to see reflected in a greater way through this group?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* **1 Peter 2:9**