

LIFE GROUP STUDY

For the week of April 26, 2020 – For Life Groups or Personal Study

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read I Peter 2.4-6

What is the theme or focus of these verses?

What does Peter say about Jesus?

What does Peter say about you/us?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does it mean to refer to Jesus as the “Cornerstone”?

With Jesus as the “Cornerstone”, how do we become “Living Stones”?

What does it mean for the church that Jesus is the “Cornerstone” and we are “Living Stones”?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

How do you view yourself as “living stone”?

What does it mean to you, that you are God’s masterpiece?

How are you, or could you, offering “spiritual sacrifices”?

As you spend time in prayer:
Pray for God’s Church (Local and Global)
Pray for Grace of Christ
Pray for the Leaders at Grace

PRAYER REQUESTS

April 26, 2020 – Bill Williamson
Upon This Rock #4 – I Peter 2.4-6

Living Stones

As we look at I Peter 2.4-6, we will focus on the concept that you and I, as individual members of the church are "Living Stones" connected to the Cornerstone Jesus Christ. As "Living Stones", God is building us into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices. The church is a living organism, not a building made of brick and mortar. However, there is comfort when we gather together as the "Church" on Sunday mornings.

During this time, you may not feel very connected. You may feel alone. You may wonder how God can possibly use this time to build us into a spiritual house. Peter encourages us by reminding us that we are "living stones", not just a pile of rocks. We are not the church simply because we gather together on Sunday mornings, sitting in our preferred pew and singing our preferred songs. Yes, on Sunday mornings, we are the Church, united even in our diversity. Yet, we are still the church when we go our separate ways after the Benediction or Postlude or after our time of fellowship in the Garden Room.

If you happen to be living alone, staying at home, confined to your place, you are not alone. God is with you. Others are praying for you and with you. We are united even when we are separated. We are all doing our part, what God puts on our heart, and God is the one who will do the work to build His Church, and even enlarge His Kingdom as people come to faith in Him even in turbulent times like this. If we do nothing else during this time, as living stones, let's pray for the lost to find their way home.

CONNECT THROUGH LIFE GROUPS

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups can be short, 10-week, sermon-based groups that promote spiritual growth through building meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Colossians 1.28).

Here's how it happens:

SHARE: We share what is happening in our lives.

STUDY: We study and discuss the questions on this sermon notes page in relation to Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to apply what we learn.

SUPPORT: We do this by: praying for one another, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting needs.

SERVE: We do a service project during each quarter we meet. Our desire is to share God's love with others by meeting real needs.

GO ONLINE to learn more about Life Groups: find an open group or sign up for a group online: yakimagrace.com/life. Or, stop by the Welcome Center in the Garden Room or call the office at 248-7940