

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Chosen to Shine

With Jeremy Vasic
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Luke 1 Peter 2:4-10 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ⁶ As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

⁷ Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

"The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

⁸ And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

God has chosen his people to be the place where He lives.

God reveals himself through His people.

How do we reveal God's goodness?

Show God's goodness through your imperfect story.

Show God's goodness through faithful presence.

Show God's goodness by resembling Him in holiness.

Big Idea: Show God's goodness to the world by being a symbol of grace as His chosen child.



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- 2) Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. What is the **Context** for these passages? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passages? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about how God has chosen us?
- 5) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). In what way is God asking you to show His goodness to the world around you?



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