

following Jesus in uncertain times

What is the series about?

You only have to watch the news for five minutes to know that we live in very uncertain times. In every arena from politics to economics things are far from stable. With this cultural backdrop, the Bible reminds us that Jesus brings certainty in uncertain situations. In this series we unpack what it looks like to follow Jesus in uncertain times.

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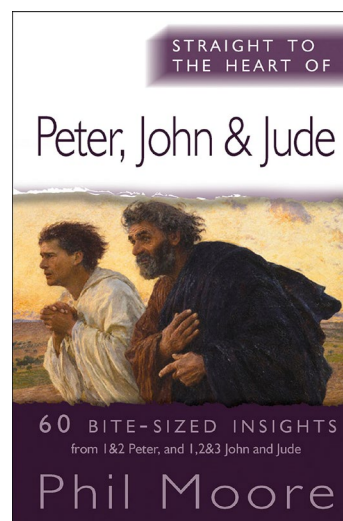
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Recommended Reading

Straight to the Heart of:

Peter, John & Jude

Phil Moore



Title: Who are we?

Speaker: Stuart Jones (City West) Bible Ref: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Overview

Jesus is the one being referred to as the 'Cornerstone'. The OT references to *Isaiah 28*, *Psalms 118* and *Isaiah 8* all point to Him. Peter likes the stone imagery – it's his name – Πέτρος in Greek means 'rock' or 'stone'. We are described as "Living Stones" - *Gen. 2.7*; *Ezek. 37.1-14*; *John 20.22*; *Eph. 2.19-22*. This evokes the creation of man, as well as God breathing his Spirit into us. We're associated with Jesus in this 'stone' imagery.

We're being built into a temple, i.e. God's dwelling place, with echoes of Eden, the temple, the new Jerusalem, and the church. God has purposes for us. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. Why do you think Jesus is referred to as a 'cornerstone'?
2. What do you understand by the expression 'chosen people'?
3. How does this relate to the Biblical doctrine of election?

Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. What does it mean for you to be a 'living stone' being built into the local church?
2. What do you think God's purposes are for you, your life group and King's?
3. What does it mean for us to be 'priests' in 2019?

Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

1. How do you apply what God says about you when the going gets tough?
2. Do you apply what God says about you when the going gets tough?
3. Who have you invited to Alpha this week?