

Living Stones

September 6th, 2026

1 Peter 2:4-10 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1. _____ we’re called to _____ .

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house

We’re called to be _____ , who are
_____ into God’s house.

“The imagery of the living stones being built into a single unit implies the significance and purpose of individual Christians cannot be realized apart from community with other believers.”

Life change happens in the context of _____

2. _____ we’re called to _____ .

5 ...to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Matthew 11:11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

✓ You have a _____.

✓ You're here on _____.

3. _____ we have the power to _____.

1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone...

Jesus as your cornerstone:

✓ He has to be your _____.

✓ He has to be _____ to you.

"4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him" 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

✓ See him _____ for you.

Be built together: Small Groups begin today! Find and join a group online or in the lobby at the small groups table.

Get planted in God's house: Step 1 of Growth Track is today at 1:00 p.m. in Suite 230. Lunch and childcare are provided.