

# A Firm Foundation

I Peter 2:4–8

1. **The Foundation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
I Peter 2:4

2. **The Structure:** \_\_\_\_\_  
I Peter 2:5

3. **The Purpose:** \_\_\_\_\_  
I Peter 2:5

4. **The Results:** \_\_\_\_\_  
I Peter 2:7–8

**Application:**



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

## Group Questions

1. If you could build your “dream house”, what would it be like?

**Read I Peter 2:4–8**

2. What similarities does Peter show between Christ’s experience and that of his readers?

3. What is the function of a cornerstone? In what ways is Christ a cornerstone? Why would people stumble over the stone rather than build their lives on it?

4. In the New Testament era, where does the Spirit of God reside? (See I Cor. 3:16–17; Acts 2:38–39) In what ways does the fact that God’s Spirit resides in Christians, individually and corporately in the church, affect the way you live your life?

5. What is the purpose of the living stones being built up into a spiritual house? What title does Peter give to Christians who are being built into a spiritual house? Why is that significant?

**Read:** Romans 12:1–2; Ephesians 5:1–2; Hebrews 13:15–16

6. What are some spiritual sacrifices mentioned here? What do they mean?

7. What do the Old Testament passages Peter quotes tell us about Jesus?

8. How might being reminded of who Jesus is be an encouragement to someone being persecuted for their faith in him?

**Reflect:**

9. Has the fact that you are a living stone, a priest, and a person who has chosen the precious cornerstone of Jesus as the foundation of your life helped you during times of trial or trouble? In what ways? Have you seen how rejecting Jesus causes some people to stumble? In what ways?

**Next Steps**

- I am thankful that Jesus is the Solid Rock upon which I can build my life.
- I will stand together with my Christian family and be “built together” into Christ’s spiritual house—the church.
- I will worship God with my whole being and allow my life to be a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God.
- I understand that the world will object, but even when the world rejects him, I will choose Christ.