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## The Church: Defined – What is the church, anyway, and why does it matter?

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### *Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

#### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

***Take some time to look up and read 1 Peter 2:1-6***

1. Why does Peter say these believers need “pure spiritual milk”? (v. 2)
2. What does it mean to have Christ as our cornerstone? (v. 6)

#### **Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

3. Who were some people who demonstrated the gospel to you in your early faith journey? Who were your living stones?
4. Describe a time when you had the opportunity to be a living stone to someone else?
5. What has your experience been with online vs. in-person church over the past year?
6. Is your participation in church online bringing me closer to the community of faith? Or pushing me further away?
7. If you are not attending worship services in person, where do you find a community to be living stones to you? With whom will you be a living stone for others?
8. Regardless of where you worship, how can you be a living stone through the way you interact online?

#### **Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.**

9. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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#### **We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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