

## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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### Warm Up

When you think of a building (church, home, stadium, etc.), what's one that has stood out to you—and what made it memorable?

### Review

Read I Peter 2:4-10 and go through the sermon outline on the back of the worship folder. What stood out to you from the sermon?

### Identity

Peter describes believers as a *chosen people*, *royal priesthood*, *holy nation*, and *God's special possession*. Which of these identity statements stands out most to you right now—and why might God want you to hear that today?

### Christ the Cornerstone

Peter describes Jesus as the “cornerstone” of the spiritual house. What happens in a person's life when Christ is not the cornerstone? Where do you see that tension in your own life or in the world around you?

### Unique Stones

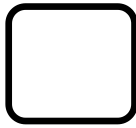
What is the difference between a stone and a brick? Why do you think Peter describes us as stones and not bricks? Our differences are not meant to compete but rather complete each other. Why can that be hard to remember? What helps us work together?

### Purpose

According to verse 9, we are chosen “*that you may declare the praises of him.*” What are some practical ways you can “declare His praises” in your everyday life this week—both inside and outside the church?

### Acceptable to God

Peter said that we offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus (Verse 5). How is that statement an example of God's love and grace? How does that give you freedom to live your life for him?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

1 Peter 2:4-10

## Living Stones Built on the Risen Cornerstone

Basic questions of life – Who am I? Where do I fit?  
What difference do I make?

### 1. First you need Christ.

- 3 types of stones
  - Cornerstone
  - Capstone
  - Stumbling stone
- Rejecting the stone
- Chosen and precious

### 2. Then the living stones

- 3 descriptions of us –
  - Chosen \_\_\_\_\_
  - Royal \_\_\_\_\_
  - Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- People of God
- To declare his praises
- Stones not bricks
- Go where Jesus points

When our identity, belonging, and purpose are built on Christ...

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

<sup>7</sup> 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,”

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

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