

LIVING AS EXILES

A SERIES IN 1ST PETER

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 – THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILDS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:4-10; Matthew 7:24-25; 1 Corinthians 1:23-24, 3:11; Psalm 127:1

Exiles long for two things:

- A _____ and a _____

Our foundation is Christ

- Jesus is the Cornerstone that _____, _____, and _____ the spiritual house God is building. Jesus is also a _____.

Our focus is Christ's kingdom

- God is using His _____, His _____, His _____, His _____, and His _____ to build a spiritual house.

Our commitment is to Christ

- To build a spiritual house that is _____ Christ, _____ Christ, and _____ Christ
- To be a spiritual _____, using spiritual _____, to apply spiritual _____
- To _____ God has given me in building a house for His glory

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Psalm 127:1.** Why would we be tempted to build a church without Jesus' supervision?
2. What are some things that might indicate Jesus isn't shaping, stabilizing, and securing our church?
3. What are some things that indicate He is?
4. What are some things we need to do individually and together to ensure that Jesus is building our church?

5. According to 1 Peter 2:5, we are building a spiritual house. What might indicate we are more focused on physical things than spiritual things?
6. If we are going to be a vital part of God's building process, what sort of qualities need to characterize our lives?
7. Why is each worker's gifts and abilities needed to build a spiritual house for God's glory?
8. What happens if some of God's people choose not to be part of the building process?
9. In summary, what would you say is the greatest challenge God's people face in building a spiritual house for God's glory?