

Living Stones

1 Peter 2:4-10

Taking it Home:

1. As you reflect on the acronym, “Stone”, from your study notes, what characteristics have you most applied to your life? Which might be lacking?
2. Begin to pray about your involvement in the For Generations to Come campaign.

Prayer Concerns:**For Generations to Come**

*“⁴We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done...
⁶so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.” [Psalm 78:4,6]*

Characteristics of Living Stones

1. **S**tack their lives on _____
2. **T**reat Jesus as _____
3. **O**wn their part in _____
4. **N**avigate life from a _____
5. **E**xclaim the _____

*It's not primarily about brick and mortar,
but making room for more living stones!*

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What do you remember most about the church you grew up in or visited as a kid?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10

1. When you think of the word 'church', what is the first thing that comes to mind? How might our modern understanding of church differ from how Peter describes the church?
2. What is the purpose of a cornerstone? Why is Jesus considered both a 'precious cornerstone' and a 'stone that causes men to stumble'? What does it mean for Jesus to be the cornerstone of your life?
3. Read vs. 4-5 and Romans 12:2. Peter says we are being built into a 'spiritual house' offering 'spiritual sacrifices'. What responsibilities and purposes are included in being part of a spiritual house? What does it mean to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice?
4. How does Peter describe our new identity when Jesus becomes the cornerstone of our lives? What is the difference between performing for God to achieve these things and living for God because we already have them? Which do you tend towards?
5. What about your relationship with Jesus is worthy of sharing with others? How might you grow in 'declaring the praises of God'?
6. As we begin the "For Generations to Come" Campaign, what most excites you? How can we help each other stay focused on the heart behind this building project?