

The Rock That Won't Roll

Spring Green Community Church - Sermon Notes
November 18, 2018

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I Peter 2:4-10

Those who trust and those who reject

Christ is the living cornerstone

Peter's life – Matthew 16:13-19

We are
1 Peter 2:5 & 9-10

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Study Questions

I Peter 1:22-2:3

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1. What stood out to you, encouraged you, or challenged you from the sermon on Sunday?
2. As he did in 1:24, Peter again refers to the Old Testament. Look up Psalm 118:22-23, Isaiah 8:14-15, and Isaiah 28:16. Why would it have been important for Peter's readers to make this connection between the OT and Jesus?
3. According to the dictionary, a cornerstone is "a stone forming a part or corner in a wall, often laid in a formal ceremony." Some synonyms are "foundation, basis, bedrock, key, heart, or core." Why is it so important to look to Christ as the cornerstone of the church? What might happen if we do not regard Him as such?
4. In what way is Jesus "a stone that makes people stumble, and the rock that makes them fall"?
5. Verse 5 says that if we have trusted Christ we are "living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple." What does it mean to you to be a living stone? What is the opposite of a living stone?

6. Verses 2:9-10 further define a believer's identity in Christ by referring to OT imagery. Which of the following titles is most meaningful to you? How could it encourage you?

- a. "chosen people"- Deuteronomy 7:7-8
- b. "royal priesthood"- Isaiah 61:6
- c. "holy nation"- Deuteronomy 28:9
- d. "God's very own possession"- Deuteronomy 7:6

7. Verse 2:9 says that as a result of our new identity in Christ, we "can show others the goodness of God." Another translation of vs. 9 reads "proclaim His excellencies." What is one situation in which you could talk about God's excellent goodness rather than yourself this week?

8. In what current situations would it be helpful to remember Peter as a rock, Jesus as a cornerstone, or you as a living stone? Can these images make a difference to us today?

Spiritual Practice (Meditating/Memorizing Scripture) If there is a sentence or verse in this passage of Scripture (or others as we continue our study of 1 Peter) you find especially significant to you, copy it down & set aside a little time each day for the next week to meditate on it. Think about the scripture and what it might mean in your life; recite it to yourself; explore its meaning. Return to the scripture as often as you can during your day for a brief review. You will soon find it coming to mind spontaneously and beginning to affect your thoughts, motives, and actions. Do this throughout our study and experience God forming your soul for His purpose.

Next week's Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-17