

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

1 Peter 2:4-8

For Starting

- Imagine you had to wear a t-shirt with ONE word on it for one year. Which word would you choose? Why?
- If you were the *eighth* dwarf, what would your name be?
- Describe your perfect church or church service?
- What made you choose to become a Christian? What things changed in your life because you accepted Jesus Christ as Lord?

For Reviewing

- What word or phrase is repeated in each of the verses (v.4-8)?
- Who is Peter describing that he calls "the living Stone" (v.4)?
- In v.5, what is the purpose of the living stones being built up into a spiritual house?
- Compare Isaiah 28:16 with v.6. What word/s are different?
- Compare Psalm 118:22 with v.7. What word is different?
- Compare Isaiah 8:14 with v.8. What words are different?
How does rejecting Jesus cause people to stumble?

For Discussion

- Compare and contrast v.4-8 with Ephesians 2:19-22.
- Peter uses priestly imagery to describe Christians (v.4-5). What does it mean to offer "*spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God*"?
- Jesus is referred to as the "precious cornerstone" (v.6). What are the implications of this architectural metaphor?
- Coming to Jesus as the cornerstone means that He is the supreme foundation of our lives. What *alternative* cornerstones do people often use as their foundation today?
- "*We must not permit our differences to destroy the spiritual unity that we have in Christ. We ought to be mature enough to disagree without becoming disagreeable*". Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?
How does this impact our Christian lives today?
- You could end by reading together 1 Peter 2:5.

1 Peter 2:4-8 (NIVUK)

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes men to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.

Isaiah 28:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ So this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone
for a sure foundation;
the one who relies on it
will never be stricken
with panic.

Psalms 118:22 (NIV)

²² The stone the builders
rejected
has become the
cornerstone;

Isaiah 8:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ He will be a holy place;
for both Israel and
Judah he will be
a stone that causes people
to stumble
and a rock that makes
them fall.
And for the people of
Jerusalem he will be
a trap and a snare.