

Living Stones, Royal Priests:
Called Into Marvelous Light

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1 Peter 2.4-12
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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **Passage.** In verses 4–5, Peter calls Jesus a “living stone” and then calls *us* “living stones.” What does that image add that a word like “believers” or “church members” would miss?
2. **Passage.** Trace the contrast Peter draws between those who believe and those who stumble (vv. 6–8). What is the same stone doing in both cases?
3. **Passage.** List every identity Peter gives the church in verses 9–10. Which one surprises you most, and why?
4. **Theological.** Peter says Jesus was “rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious.” How does that reshape the way we think about suffering, unpopularity, or being overlooked?
5. **Theological.** What does it mean that the whole church—not a special class—is a “holy priesthood” offering “spiritual sacrifices”? What would you say those sacrifices look like now that the temple altar is gone?
6. **Theological.** Verse 9 says we were made this people *so that* we would “proclaim the excellencies” of the One who called us out of darkness. How is proclamation related to priesthood here? Is worship the same thing as witness, or are they two sides of one calling?
7. **Practical.** Where in your week do you most feel like a “sojourner and exile” (v. 11)? What fleshly passions tend to flare up *there*?
8. **Soul-searching.** Peter says we once were “not a people” and had “not received mercy.” If you are honest, do you still live as if that old identity is the truer one—unwanted, unseen, or unforgiven?
9. **Practical.** Verse 12 says honorable conduct among outsiders can lead them to glorify God. Think of one relationship this week—work, neighborhood, family—where your life is being watched. What would “honorable” look like there?
10. **Soul-searching.** If God is actually building you, with other living stones, into a spiritual house, where are you resisting the fitting—isolation, comparison, control, or staying on the edges of the church? What would it look like to “come to him” again this week (v. 4)?