

READ 1 PETER 2:4-8

Main Idea: Jesus is the cornerstone and therefore, we he designed to be the foundation of our entire lives.

DIGGING DEEPER: SCRIPTURE

- What Old Testament passages is Peter quoting and/or referencing in 1 Peter 2:4-8?
- What point is Peter to making when he says Christians are being built up into a spiritual house? What might that have to do with the Old Testament passages Peter references?
- What does it mean that Christians are a "Holy Priesthood?" Peter also says we are "Royal Priesthood in verse 9.
- In what ways was Jesus rejected? How does Jesus proclaim to be the cornerstone?
- What is Peter's warning in verse 8 and what are some of the ways in which the rejection of the cornerstone becomes a stumbling block? Read the Parable of the Wicked Tenants in Luke 20:9-18 for a clue.

DIGGING DEEPER: APPLICATION

- What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did it grab your attention?
- Share how this season of life with the pandemic, unrest, economic instability and divisive
 political discussion has revealed "stones" in your life that aren't resting on the
 cornerstone.
- Can you identify and share why it is personally challenging for you to trust Jesus as your cornerstone?
- What might it look like practically for you to "dig up" stones in your life and align them with Jesus, the Cornerstone? Remember: Accept God is in control, ask diagnostic questions, believe and build and commit to ongoing growth.

NEXT STEPS:

- What is one thing you will do this week as a result of what you learned from this message and group?
- How can we pray for each other?
- Who can we invite to be part of service next week?