



Week 3

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Title: *Your True Home*

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Study Handout Week of: September 11, 2022

Group Week of: September 18, 2022

Sermon Date: September 25, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Cornerstone Prophecy – Isaiah 28:1-28
Day 2	Cornerstone Prophecy – Psalm 118
Day 3	My People Prophecy – Hosea 2:16-23
Day 4	Old Covenant Desire – Exodus 19:1-6
Day 5	Prophecy Fulfillment – Romans 9:22-33

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⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you 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. ⁶For 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.

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

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and,

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

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

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What core “identity” is Peter giving to the church in this passage?
- 3) What is the point of the Old Testament passages Peter is using and how do they function in this passage?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Do you feel that you could lead the church in worship (think of songs, prayer, scripture reading, or testimonies)? Do you feel that you could lead your family in worship at home? Why or why not?

- 2) There is a doctrine commonly referred to as the “Priesthood of the Believer.” What do you think that means and why do you think it might be important?

- 3) Scripture reminds us, from time to time, that we are Sojourners, Strangers, and Exiles. Other times it reminds us that our home is in heaven, that we are the “people of God” and “royal priests.”
 - i. When does the Christian (and when do you) need to be reminded that you are a Sojourner, Stranger, and Exile?

 - ii. When do Christians (and when do you) need to be reminded that you are now part of the people of God and a royal priest?

- 4) Jesus, our “Cornerstone” was rejected by men. If we are living stones in the temple of God, all finding our place based off the “Cornerstone,” then we too should expect to be rejected by men. When does fear of man’s rejection get in the way of you sharing the gospel with the world? (Think of times where you chose not to be bold with your faith, share the gospel, or even had the tendency to avoid the world and spend your all your time with Christians).

- 5) Consider the picture of each Christian over the whole earth being a stone in the temple of the living God. How should we handle/consider/deal with the existence of denominations and divides within the temple of God?

- 6) In the Old Covenant, only the Levites could be priests. But in the New Covenant, every believer is a royal priest in the household of God. Peter makes the case that we are priests for the purpose of worshipping God. With this in mind...
 - i. Is it possible for a Christian to find satisfaction in their life apart from the worship of God?

 - ii. What is the most mundane thing you do on a daily basis? How can that be turned into worship?

- 7) Spend some time worshipping God for what He has done in your life. Summarize your praise to God below and share it with your life group.