

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 2:4-10

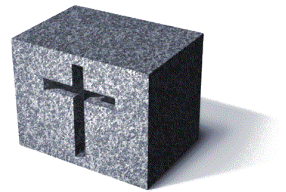
The People of God

Getting Started

What would you say are the central purposes of the church?

Digging In

1. **Read vss. 4-5.** What is the significance of us being living stones?
2. In what sense are we a holy priesthood? What is our function as priests? Give some real-life examples.
3. **Read v. 6.** What is the purpose of a cornerstone? How is Christ a *chosen and precious cornerstone*?
4. **Read v. 7.** In what sense is Christ the *capstone*?
5. **Read v. 8.** How is Christ a *stone* that causes people to stumble?
6. **Read vss. 9-10.** What does it mean that we are:
 - *A chosen people*
 - *A royal priesthood*
 - *A holy nation*
 - *A people belonging to God*
7. For what purpose has God chosen us to belong to him?
8. How does v. 10 give us a reason to declare God's praises and live for his glory?



Getting Personal

- Read vss. 4-10 again. How does this passage increase your appreciation for who Christ is, and for his role in God's plan of redemption?
- How can the great truths in this passage help us remain strong in times of opposition and persecution?
- How can these truths lift our gaze from our petty pursuits and help us become captured afresh by God's good and gracious purposes for his redeemed people?
- Take a look at your Facebook page and the emails you send. Listen to your conversations. Are they declaring God's praises – or your own? In what ways can we declare his praises?