

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are Christians like newborn babies?
2. What work of the flesh do you think is the biggest problem in our town? In our lives?
3. If we don't crave the Word of God, what can we do about it?
4. Have you ever thought of Christians as priests? What does this mean?
5. What are the differences between the temple, the priests, and the sacrifices in the Old Testament compared to now through the church?
6. What is Christ to the unbeliever?
7. Who do you know that is fallen prey to this dark world and how can you share Christ with them?

- Answers to fill in the blanks:
1. BLUEPRINTS A. EVIL B. DISHONESTY C. GENUINE D. RESENTMENT E. DEFAMATION F. CRAVING
 2. ZONING A. BUILDING B. LIVING STONE C. 1) DIRECT ACCESS 2) REPRESENT D. 1) WORSHIP 2) GOSPEL 3) OTHERS 4) BODY
 3. FOUNDATION A. HONOR B. JUDGMENT
 4. STRUCTURE A. REPLACING B. RULE C. SET APART D. NOT OUR OWN E. INTELLECTUAL, MORAL

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Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

GOD'S BUILDING PROJECT FIRST PETER 2:1-10

MAIN IDEA: AS BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS, WE ARE TO GROW INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH GOD'S WORD AND TOGETHER, AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE ARE TO REPRESENT CHRIST TO A FALLEN WORLD.

Question: As born-again believers, how do we change and grow to live for Christ and not the world?

1. THE _____ - REPLACE WORKS OF THE FLESH WITH A DESIRE FOR THE WORD.

1 Peter 2:1–3 (CSB)

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow up into your salvation, ³ if **you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

- A. Malice – General _____.
- B. Deceit – _____, treachery
- C. Hypocrisy – Not _____, fake
- D. Envy – Grudges, _____ of others, bitterness
- E. Slander – Gossip, backbiting, _____ of character
- F. _____ the Word of God is always essential to spiritual nourishment and growth.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

2. THE _____ – UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE

1 Peter 2:4–6 (CSB)

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God—⁵ you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: **See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and honored cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.**

- A. “Stone” (lithos) usually means a _____ stone.
- B. When we believe in Christ, the _____, we too become living stones.
- C. Being priests has two important aspects:
 - 1) We have _____ to God through Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 4:16)
 - 2) We _____ Christ to a fallen world. (Exodus 19:6)
- D. Spiritual Sacrifices

Hebrews 13:15–16 (CSB)

¹⁵ Therefore, through him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Don’t neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

- 1) Sacrifice of Praise – heart felt _____.
- 2) Confess his name – Sharing the _____.
- 3) What is Good – Doing good to _____.
- 4) To Share – Fellowship, life as Christ’s _____.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

3. THE _____ – JESUS CHRIST

1 Peter 2:7–8 (CSB)

⁷ So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving, **The stone that the builders rejected— this one has become the cornerstone,** ⁸ and **A stone to stumble over, and a rock to trip over.** They stumble because they disobey the word; they were destined for this.

- A. If we believe in Christ, we are destined for _____, and Christ is our cornerstone or foundation.
- B. If we do not believe in Christ, we are destined for _____, and Christ becomes a stumbling block in our lives.

4. THE _____ - WE ARE HIS HOUSE

1 Peter 2:9–10 (CSB)

⁹ But you are **a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises** of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- A. Chosen race (genos) – Not _____ Israel, but same purpose.
- B. Royal Priesthood – Serve the king and _____ with the king.
- C. Holy nation (ethnos) – _____ as God’s people.
- D. A people for his possession – We are _____.
- E. We proclaim to a world suffering _____ and _____ darkness the marvelous light of Christ.