

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

1 Peter 2:4-10

Icebreaker: Estimate what percentage of your time you spent thinking about yourself this week?

BIG IDEA - Church is not about the “me”, it’s about the “we”.

1. Take time to read 1 Peter 2:4-10.
2. Notice how Peter describes how God views you as one of His children. **What terms does Peter use in this passage? Which ones stand out to you the most and why?**
3. **Read again silently 1 Peter 2:4-10 and count how many times the word “you” is mentioned?**
4. The word “you” in this passage is not in the singular referring to you individually. It is written in the plural meaning - “you all”. **How does this meaning change how you read this passage?**

Before we come to Christ it is all about “me” and when you come to trust Christ as your Savior you come to him as an individual. No one else makes that decision for someone. After trusting Christ as your Savior though, it’s no longer about the “me” mentality and rather it becomes about being a part of the “we”.

5. Paul describes followers of Christ by saying in verse 5 - “you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house...” The spiritual house is the body of Christ - the Church. The living stones are each person who believes in Christ as their Savior. The imagery is God is the builder of this house and Jesus is the

cornerstone (foundation). **What makes up this house according to verse 5?**

6. During the 1st century many houses were “dry stone” buildings. Meaning they used no mortar. So each stone was chosen carefully and shaped to fit perfectly so the stones collectively could be strong enough to hold the structure together. **Based on this imagery how important is it that each person in the church sees themselves as an integral part of what God wants to do through His church?**
7. **How often do we view the church as what it can do for me, rather than what I can do to make the church stronger?**
8. What is the mission God has given His church according to 1 Peter 2:9? Our church’s mission is worded this way - “to glorify God by the fulfillment of the Great Commission” (Matthew 28:19-20). **How important is it that this mission is your mission? Why or why not?**
9. The theme of 2017 for our church is “The God Who Builds”. We are praying for four things this year:
 - God would build our faith as a church
 - God would build our church culture - every person in our church would embrace the church’s mission as their mission.
 - God would build our church - we would see growth through new converts and those who don’t have a church home.
 - God would build our gospel influence in our community, state, nation, and world
10. **Take time as a group to pray for these things and commit to praying for these things throughout the year believing that God is building His Church for His glory!**