

Welcome

What's a group, team, or community you've been part of that made you feel like you truly belonged?



Have you ever been given a role or title that made you feel proud or nervous? What was it?

Worship

Read Psalm 118.22-24 together

Or

Sing "Cornerstone" by Hillsong or "Build your kingdom here" by Rend Collective.

Word

1. Read 1 Peter 2.1-10 as a group and pause. Before you begin the study turn to small groups and summarize the story to the person next to you. What stands out to you?
 - a. If you like, ask the four questions:
 - i. Where is God?
 - ii. Where are we?
 - iii. Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?
 - iv. Who am I going to tell about this?
2. *Context Tool:* It can be helpful to know the themes of the sections before and after a passage as they guide the interpretation of the current reading. Subheadings in your bibles sometimes give an idea to what this might be:
 - a. What is the theme in 1 Peter 1.13-25?
 - b. What is the theme of 1 Peter 2.11-17?
3. *Repetition Tool:* What are the repeated ideas / phrases in the passage?
 - a. Stones
 - i. There are two things being referred to as stones in this passage. How might the two be linked?
 - ii. What is Peter imagining being built with these stones?
 - iii. What does that make you and how might this affect your life this week?
 - b. Chosen/Precious
 - i. What makes you precious in God's eyes?
 - ii. Why have we been chosen to be precious? (Look to v9 for clues)
 - c. Rejection/stumbling
 - i. What is causing people to stumble?



- ii. How can we help people not to stumble?
- d. Priesthood/Temple
 - i. Peter gives the titles given to Israel in the Old Testament to the Church, what was the point of the priesthood in Israel?
 - ii. What could the priesthood do for Israel that they could not do for themselves?
 - iii. How could you do this for others?

Witness

Who in your life could you be interceding for and how could you draw them closer to God?

Could you take one small step this week — prayer, conversation, kindness — to ‘stand in the gap’ for them?

Pray for them each day this week and next time share the answers to your prayers.

