

1 PETER



PETER 1:7

THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD,
WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE, MAY
RESULT IN PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS
CHRIST IS REVEALED.

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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What is the church?

1 Peter 2:4–10 draws together the major threads of this New Testament letter so far—the new identity and the unique calling of those who have come to believe in Jesus. This identity and calling are to be uniquely lived out in the church, the new expression of the people of God.

Read 1 Peter 2:4–10.

- Do you believe God deeply loves you and chose you for reasons known only to Him (1 Peter 2:9)? (see Deuteronomy 7:7–8; Isaiah 55:8–9) How does that make you feel?
- Is Jesus precious to you, and is he the cornerstone upon which you build your life today (1 Peter 2:6–7)? (see 1 Corinthians 3:11)
- How has the coming of Jesus divided the world into two main groups of people (1 Peter 2:7–8)?
- What do the images used here (living stones, spiritual house) suggest about the nature of the church of Jesus (1 Peter 2:5)? (see Ephesians 2:21–22; Colossians 2:6–7)
- In what ways are you being built up by others or helping build others up spiritually in the church today (1 Peter 2:5)?
- In what practical, everyday ways can you act as a priest of God today (1 Peter 2:5,9)? (see Romans 15:16; Hebrews 13:15–16)

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to build my life on Jesus and to help others in the church do the same today.