

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Peter 2:4-10

*4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:*

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

*7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,*

*"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,"<sup>[a]</sup>*

*8 and "A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."*

*They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

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

**Other Passages:** Acts 2:8-10, Matthew 16:13-20, John 14:6, MT 27:50-51, Acts 6:7, 1 Thess. 2:8

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. Do I REALLY choose Jesus as the anchor of my faith and without shame IDENTIFY as one of you who believe?
2. Do I REALLY identify as a chosen race who, together, are God's ambassadors of light in contrast with a misguided dark world?
3. Do I REALLY identify as a member of a royal priesthood, a son/daughter of the King of Kings & Lord of Lords, appointed to represent Him in word & deed?
4. Do I REALLY identify as a living stone who is building a spiritual foundation in my life?
5. Do I REALLY identify as a holy priest who carries on the traditions of the Levites in the O.T. who set themselves apart to serve God in whatever daily task they were assigned to?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**