

Review:

Lesson 1: Foundations for Holiness

Lesson 2: Foundations, Pt. 2

Lesson 2: Foundations, Pt. 3

Living Stones

1 Peter 2:1-10

Part of being set apart as Christ followers is that, like Christ, we have an unquenchable _____ for God's Word, which nourishes our spiritual formation and shapes us more and more to be like Him.

Discussion 1. The more we are in the Word of God, the more we WANT to be in it. How would you describe your own journey in terms of studying the Bible? How did that journey begin for you and where are you today on that journey?

For God's people, the concept of being "living stones" is necessarily a metaphor for community, i.e., stones used together to build something meaningful. The journey toward holiness, then, is a journey in _____ with others.

Discussion 2. Compare and contrast Peter's "living stones being built into a spiritual house" metaphor with Paul's "one body with many parts" metaphor for the church. Which one speaks more clearly to you? Why?

Each of us has a decision to make in this life: either Jesus is the Cornerstone of our faith, or he is an eternal _____ causing us to fall. The eternal plan is God's, but the decision to believe or not is ours.

Discussion 3. Give the first name of one unbeliever in your life to whom you believe Jesus has thus far been a stumbling stone. Is there anything about your own story from before you started following Jesus that this person might relate to? If so, what is it?

The metaphors of Christ as the Cornerstone and we as living stones are metaphors about our identity in Christ; they give us both a _____ in God's family and a _____.

Discussion 4. How does having a rightful place in God's family motivate you toward holiness? How does having a purpose in God's family motivate you toward holiness?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?