

Key Scripture

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:7-12

Main Takeaway

Peter gives us our identity in Jesus and in His gracious rule. No other identity or description can come before this one. This may be challenging, but it is also Good News and helps us live with the world in a Christ-centered way.

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN: LIVING WITH JESUS

Week 3: Living With The World

Start Talking:

Would you rather play Jenga or Guess Who? Why?

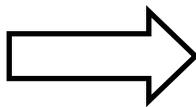
Start Praying: Dear Jesus, show us what it means to live as your chosen and precious people. Show us what it means to live as foreigners and exiles to a worldly way of living. Amen.

Start Studying:

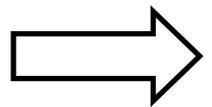
1. Read the key Scripture
2. Who is this stone Peter describes? Go back to verses 1-6 if you need.
3. What two things does Peter say this stone is?
4. Write the list of everything God calls you in vv. 9-11
5. What is the goal of living a “good life” as God call us to?

Start Applying:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is our cornerstone?
2. What would it mean that Jesus is a stumbling block?
3. Share your experience of having Jesus as your cornerstone?
4. Share a time when Jesus was a stumbling block for you?
5. What are all the ways you can be identified?
6. How does God identify you?
7. The identity God gives you is primary and complete and everything else flows from that. How does that give you freedom?...grace?...courage?...wisdom?
8. How does thinking of identity and who we are primarily in worldly terms lead to division? What types of division?
9. How does living with Christ give us unity and help us to accept those who may have differences?



Fill out Biblical Equipping



Finish in Prayer:

Jesus, we are your children and you give us everything we need. We love you. Amen.

NOTES

BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: