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## God's Building Project

<sup>4</sup>You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. <sup>5</sup>And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup>As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." <sup>7</sup>Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' <sup>8</sup>And, 'He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. <sup>9</sup>But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.

1 Peter 2:4-10

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Christ v.4

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Us v.5

Who Do You Think You Are

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Scripture v.6-8

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Two Contenders

A. The Wannabee Builders \_\_\_\_\_ Him vv.4,7,8

B. The Real Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Him vv.4,5,7

### Memory Verse

"Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted."  
Psalm 127:1a

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### MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Psalm 127:1a
- Ask God to help me to trust His timing
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group



## Discussion Questions - Week #2

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Who Do You Think You Are?" summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

### GETTING STARTED

- If a close friend or family member was to describe you, who do you think they would say you are?
- If someone were to ask you about our church, who do you think you would say we are?
- Is the Christian claim that we are God's Holy Temple countercultural or culturally acceptable?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 21:33-46. How does this passage connect with what we read in 1 Peter this weekend?

After sending the previous servants, who were beaten and humiliated, why do you think the landowner risked sending his son?

What do you think was Jesus' main point in telling this story?

Why do you think it was important that Jesus' followers understood his rejection?

How do you think we should apply the message of this parable in our day?

2. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What stands out to you in this passage?

What does Paul suggest in this passage was the purpose of the cross?

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being most important), how important is our identity as a Holy Temple to you?

Do you think our identity as a Holy Temple includes something we are to do, or is it simply something we believe?

If it means we are to do something, what might that be?

While today's church no longer wrestles with the issue of integrating Jews and Gentiles, how could this passage challenge or encourage us?

### FOR PRACTICE

In the classic work *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer states, "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ... We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ." We are joined to one another because we are joined to Christ, and similarly, we cannot separate ourselves from one another because we are joined in Christ. Is there a brother or sister you are joined to but have separated yourself from? Ask the Lord to help you seek or extend forgiveness to that person this week. Consider putting your unity with Christ into action by seeking unity and peace with your Christian brother or sister.

### SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

☞ According to the Joshua Project, it is estimated that of the 7.83 billion people alive today, 3.37 billion live in unreached groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for Christian missionaries to enter these regions and for the Good News of Jesus to spread, leading to Spirit-led indigenous Christ-followers, leaders, and church plants.