

1 Peter 2:4-10

Discussion Questions

1. What are some attitudes towards, commitments of, or practices within the church that have changed over time? Do you think these are positive or inevitable changes? What is lost or gained with these changes?
2. Peter uses the metaphor of the temple to describe the church. The temple was vital for Israel because it was the physical meeting place with God. While Christians can worship God at any place and time, Christians still prioritize meeting regularly at a church building. What is the importance of meeting regularly in person for worship and fellowship for Christians?
3. In 2:6-8 Peter quotes from Isa 28:16; Psa 118:22; and Isa 8:14. Take a look at those passages in their original context. Would you read these passages as prophecies of Jesus? What does Peter's reading of these passages teach us about how we ought to read the Old Testament?
4. Peter describes Jesus as the cornerstone upon which the rest of the church is built. He goes on to say that this stone, Jesus, was rejected by the builders and it was a stone of stumbling. What are some of the ways Jesus was rejected by his very own people?
5. Jesus experienced great shame and humiliation. In contrast, Peter speaks of how people can receive great honor in vv 6-7. What are the ways we honor and shame people in our culture? In what ways do they align with Christian faith and in what ways do they not?
6. By calling the church a chosen race, royal priesthood, and holy nation Peter alludes to Exo 19:6 in v 9 to describe the church. What is the role of a priest? In what way do Christians pastors serve in this role? In what way do all Christians serve in this role?
7. Bo described the church as a missional people, that is, a community designed to be a blessing to the world. In what ways do you think typical church life serves this purpose? In what ways do you think church life has strayed from this purpose?