



## The Essentials: 1 and 2 Peter

### Session 3

#### 1 Peter 2: 1-12

#### Opening Collect

*Together:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Watch Video

**Read:** 1 Peter 2: 1-12

#### Discussion:

1. Discuss in your own terms some of the primary topics you see in this passage.
2. Our passage describes Christians as royal and sacred (vv. 5 and 9). What would it mean for those terms to describe us as the people of God?
3. In the video David mentions the way nourishment from God (v. 2) helps us resist habits that might destroy our life together. When have you felt a sense of satisfaction from God? Did it impact your outlook or behavior? Share with your group.
4. The passage describes Christ as both a “cornerstone,” the central support in a structure, and also a “living stone” (v. 4). What does it mean to you that Christ is a *living* stone?
5. Read vv. 9 and 10. What is the source of a renewed conduct and mindset?

#### Check in and Closing Prayer

## 1 Peter 2: 1-12

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

<sup>7</sup> 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>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

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

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.