

February 19, 2017

1 Peter: Jesus the Cornerstone

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-12

Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 2:4-12

Opener...

We talked this morning about Jesus being the cornerstone of our lives and that got me thinking about experiences we have had building things.

Are you good at building things?

Share an experience with the group about the hardest thing you have had to build!

Discussion Questions...

In this passage there are many deep connections to the Old Testament and the ways His people worshipped through the Tabernacle and the Temple.

Did you learn anything that you had never realized or been taught?

Through the Temple God is making worship possible for His people. How is God making worship possible for you today?

Peter is reminding his readers that just as God worked to restore the Temple He will restore everything that's broken in our lives.

Why is that hope so needed for us today?

In what ways have you experienced God's restoration in your own soul?

In a building the cornerstone determines how everything else is constructed. **If Jesus is our cornerstone then what does that mean for our lives?** 

Because Jesus is our cornerstone one important call on our lives is obedience.

Why is obedience to the ways of Jesus so difficult?

What are some simple ways you can choose obedience when emotionally you don't want to follow Jesus?

It's a powerful reminder that when we claim to follow Jesus we invite people to watch us live our lives. The cornerstone of our life should impact the choices we make.

How does the reality that people are watching you make you feel?

What's an area of your life that you need to be more careful with since we are a living example of Jesus?

Process as a group what happens when we build our life on a different cornerstone other than Jesus.

## Closing:

Take a some time praying for people you know chasing everything else other than Jesus. Pray that God will use our lives to be a witness to the greatness of Jesus and the hope we have in Jesus!