

TAKEAWAY



How to Live Right Now

Part Four: 1 Peter 2:1-12

SHARE

What are some of the things that we base our lives around?

READ

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EXPLAIN

On Sunday, Matt explained that the passage is written as a Chiasm – meaning it is structured so the points are ‘mirrored’ either side of a main point. Peter has structured this section in this way:

- A.** Avoid bad things, do good
 - B.** Jesus ‘Identity’: rejected by people but precious to God
 - C.** We have a God-given role: ‘living stones’, spiritual house, a priesthood
 - D.** Jesus is the Cornerstone, responding to Him is the question of life
 - C.** We have a God-given role: people, priesthood, nation, possession
 - B.** Our ‘identity:’ not rejected but precious to God.
- A.** Avoid bad things, God is good

DISCUSS

What truths stand out to you from this passage? Why so?

What is the difference between Jesus being the cornerstone and merely being one of many ‘bricks’ in the structure of our lives? Why is the latter a problem?

Why does it matter that we keep the main message – Jesus is the cornerstone – more centrally than the other points? What are the dangers if we don’t?

Why do people reject Jesus as a cornerstone? Why do others see Him as precious?

How precious is Jesus to you? Which area of your life do you find it difficult to hold on to the truth that Jesus is our Cornerstone and to trust in Him? Discuss any every-day, practical ways can followers of Jesus make Him their foundation?

TRY OUT

Try out any of the discussion responses to the every-day, practical ways that followers of Jesus can make Him their foundation. Report back next time how you found it.

Read the passage again and reflect on what it says about who Jesus is. Pray that you would lean on Him and invite the Holy Spirit to help you trust Jesus in a particular area of your life.

PRAY

Pray for one another according to anything that came up in the discussion.

You may like to use a worship song that helps you reflect and pray on Jesus as our Cornerstone:

Firm Foundation (He Won’t) – Cody Carnes

youtu.be/x9ndiD0_qNk?si=Q-CfJBimCjTSO8Yg

All to us – Chris Tomlin

youtu.be/2kZcS4KISIU?si=X1b_cDCOG226YAD7

On Christ the solid rock I stand

youtu.be/WoPcyr2oYhg?si=N9xaR8ZRZri8YzD8