

1 Peter 2:4-12

1. 2:4 What is a “stone”?
 - a. How can Christ be described as a “stone”; what qualities does this term illustrate?
 - b. How do “rejected by men” and “precious to God” relate to you as well as Christ?
2. 2:5 Have you ever thought of yourself as a “living stone”?
 - a. What does this reference infer about your goal and role?
 - b. How do the 3 terms here fit Christ. Your Christ-likeness?
 - c. What does this symbolism express about how we are to fit and function together for God?
 - d. Are you sincerely working after this model?
3. 2:6 What is a “cornerstone”?
 - a. How does this term illustrate Christ?
 - b. Why do people stumble over a cornerstone rather than build their lives on it?
4. 2:9 Why do people stumble over Christ?
 - a. What essential role does “obedience” to a message have?
 - b. What message must this verse be referring to?
 - c. What parts of the message require obedience?
 - d. In what way are people “destined” to stumble?
5. 2:9 Are these complimentary terms?
 - a. How does it make you feel to be described in this way? Discuss each term.
 - b. For what purpose do we assume / obtain the role depicted by these terms?
 - c. What does it feel like to come “out of darkness into His wonderful light”?
6. 2:10 Are you “the people of God”?
 - a. How does it feel to become a part of a people? Do you feel like it?
 - b. What relationship, fellowship, patriotism do you have with your people?
 - c. How does it feel to receive mercy?
 - d. On what basis have you received mercy?
7. 2:11 How does it feel to be a “stranger” or “alien”?
 - a. Have you been estranged, alienated from something you were once a part of?
 - b. How does it feel to be estranged and alienated from the world?
8. 2:12 Have you ever seen innocent Christians accused of wrong doing for their Christianity?
 - a. List some examples.
 - b. Do they still see your good deeds even when they accuse you of wrong?
 - c. When can you expect them to glorify God?
9. 2:11-12 Do you share this resolve to live as a citizen of God’s people rather than of this world?