



Sermon Discussion Guide

Oct. 28 & 29, 2023

“Temple Building Blocks”

[1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

This year, we’re reading through the Whole Holy Bible. Weekend sermons look specifically at New Testament books, while incorporating the Old Testament as well. This month we look at letters, or epistles, actually official epistles from other apostles. Join us as we read it, learn it, and live it together.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to view the message on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any “ah-ha” moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What’s been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Luke 5:1-11](#) - “The First Disciples”

- What do you imagine Peter was like as a person during this time? In what ways has Peter gotten things really right? How has he gotten things really wrong throughout his life? Do you relate with Peter at all? Why or why not? How is he similar and different from you? What is unique about him?

Read [1 Peter 2:4-10](#) – “Living Stones for God’s House”

- How has Peter changed since we first met him in the Gospels? Read [1 Peter 1:15](#). How did Peter learn to live differently? What did he do to pattern his life after Jesus?
- What in your life are you not handing over to God? Why is that? What can happen in those areas? How do we give God space to transform us? Where do you need to make space?

Read [John 21:1-25](#) - “Epilogue: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples”

- What are you doing to get to know Jesus? How much time are you spending on that relationship? How many of us avoid or delay coming to Jesus when we’ve failed? Why? What is Jesus’ response to Peter running to him? What had just happened?

APPLY

Think about the area(s) of your life that you have not yet surrendered to Jesus. Do that this week. Give that over to Jesus and give him space to grow your relationship with him. Allow him to multiply your faith and transform your life to look more like his. Allow your group members to support you in that.