

**Series Sermon-based Growth Group**  
**“Vision Series: Foundations for Future Ministry”**  
**Questions**  
**January 16, 2022**

**Introductory Discussion:**

What from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

**Discussion:**

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10.

1. “A cornerstone is traditionally the first stone laid for a structure, with all other stones laid in reference. A cornerstone marks the geographical location by orienting a building in a specific direction.”  
Why is a cornerstone so important to building a building?
  - a. How does it build the rest of the building?
  
2. Why do you think the cornerstone (Jesus) was rejected by “the builders” (verse 7)?
  - a. Why are they offended by Jesus (verse 8)?
  
3. According to verse 8, why is Jesus a stumbling block?
  
4. According to 1 Cor 3:13, “each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”  
What does it mean to be tested by fire, and what will it reveal?
  
5. Verse 5 says, “...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.”  
How does verse 5 describe how we become part of what God is building?
  - a. What is the job of a priest and how do we do that in our lives?
  
  - b. How can we show mercy?

6. Verse 5 also says, "...are being built..." means that we are a work in progress. Why is it important to understand that?
  - a. How do we live with the messiness of the process, especially when we are all at different stages of spiritual growth?
  
7. Why is it important in this process to remember that outcomes belong to God?
  
8. How does it help to remind yourself, "It's not about me."
  
9. How is God equipping you to serve?