



Sunday 3 November 2024
Sermon Series: Aliens in this World.
'A Spiritual House' 1 Peter 2:4-10

Read the amazing passage together and discuss what jumps out at you, or something you remember from the sermon – if anything 😊 !!

1. Discuss with another person the type of building stone you think you might be like (diamonds not allowed) and why you think you are that. Then chat through what is your/ are your roles in our church family?

Quick reminder: **sandstone** – most common, soft and yet stable; **granite** – high end – very tough, formed by heat and pressure underground; **limestone** – a very popular building material used for pillars, and decorative features; **slate** – strong, water proof; **marble, alabaster** and **travertine** – add beauty to the building etc; or **pebble** that fills the gaps!

2. In smaller groups discuss when you first trusted in Jesus as your cornerstone or a time when you know you trusted Him in a significant way. Then discuss a time when you found it hard to trust and why.
3. Briefly glance at (don't read it!) Ezekial 43:13 onwards into chapter 44 and see the detailed instructions given for how the temple should be built and how sacrifices should be made. Let's be grateful that we don't have to offer sacrifices in this way! Then look at Ezekial 43:2, at the beautiful description of Jesus. Read John 1:14. It's this glory that fills us when we ask for more of the Holy Spirit and become radiant, living stones. Do we sense his glory in our church each week as we come together? How radiantly full of Jesus are you? What's stopping more of His radiance flowing out of you?
4. Chosen, precious, special possession, royal and holy – this is how this passage describes us as a people of God. Which description do you like the best for yourself and why?
5. Read John 13:34-35. We are a church that shows love to each other in many different ways but how can we be more sacrificial in the way we love one another? Jesus went to the ultimate extent to redeem, heal, restore and transform every one of us in our congregation. How can we sacrifice, really sacrifice ourselves to love others more? What initial moves can you make to show more love to others? What other practical ways can we show our love to our church family?
6. Spend time praying together. First thanking God for Jesus, our amazing cornerstone, then asking Him to fill us more with his glory— His Holy Spirit and finally ask Him to show you how you can demonstrate that love more and more. This will build our church into a church known for the way we love each other so that the world sees, and His kingdom grows!

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