



Congregational Bible Study

Weekend of May 10, 2020

Scripture Lesson _____

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reflection _____



Take time to discuss these questions with your spouse, family, or a friend.

Discussion Questions:

1. Peter uses many images for the church in this passage. Which one can you relate to the most? Which one raises the most questions for you? Why?
2. In what ways is Christ the cornerstone of your life? Where do you see him laying a course for how you should live?

3. Does the image of Christians as living stones make sense to you? What role do you play as a living stone? What gifts or blessings do you offer to make the church stronger?
 4. Where do you see God working to build a spiritual house in these challenging times?
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Together, pray the following prayer
With your spouse, family, or a friend.

Prayer for Mother's Day:

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord ... (Silent prayer may follow)

For mothers, who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord... (Silent prayer may follow)

For mothers, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord... (Silent prayer may follow)

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord...

Loving God, we thank you for Jesus, who was without sin yet suffered death that we might receive life. Encourage us by his example that we may be faithful when we suffer unjustly. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(United Methodist Book of Worship)