

1 Peter 2:4-12

One Point: Live out your calling (Let your light shine)

1. What's the worst thing you can say on a first date?
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Read v. 4-8

1. Why does Peter talk about the “spiritual house” to the persecuted believers?
 2. Why do you think Peter uses the stone metaphor to describe both Jesus and the stumbling block? How does this contrast help to teach believers about Jesus’ role in their lives?
 3. How does our view of Jesus as the cornerstone affect how we live out our calling?
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Read v. 9-10

1. What is our role as a royal priest today, and how is it different from the roles of Old Testament priests? In what ways is our new role a privilege? Deut 7:7-8, John 15:16, Acts 20:28
 2. What does it mean to be called out of darkness into a wonderful light? 2 Cor 4:6 – How does that make you feel?
 3. How can you make sure the light of the Gospel is shining brightly and clearly to those around you? Phil 2:14-15
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Read v. 11-12

1. What are some sinful desires? How do we know they are sinful? How do they war against your soul?
 2. How does someone live a life that will make unbelievers take notice?
 3. Has there been a time when your life as a Christian clashed with how society lives?
 4. How is your living different and distinct? Do you blend in with the world or stand out from it? What issues of compromise or disobedience do you sense God wants you to deal with today so that you can truly live out your calling?
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What I will be talking about

Even though you think you are scattered and persecuted and alone and helpless...you aren't. You are part of the Church and the bigger picture. God has a plan to use you beyond what you could ever see or even imagine. It's all because the foundation of the church is in Jesus—that you are now part of His family. You have been called out of darkness and into his WONDERFUL light. As a result, you have received God's mercy—instead of what you deserve. So you should abstain from sinful desires and live in a way that makes people want to glorify God.