

**Church Rocks**  
**1 Peter 2:4-10**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

**The church is not a building. But it is like a building.**

- Planned by a Master Designer
- Made up of many parts
- Unified in one purpose
- A work in progress

**Living stones are:**

- Alive
- Vital parts of the building (the church)
- Jesus and you

**You become part of the church, help build the church, and contribute to the life of the church by:**

- Placing your faith in Jesus Christ
- Gathering around Him in community
- Yielding to the will of the Designer and the work of the Builder
- Offering your whole self to Him in worship

**One living stone is the centerpiece of all the other living stones**

- Because God specially chose Him
- Because we all highly value Him
- Because, with Jesus, we are not doomed, but forever saved

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10.

In the message we talked about the church being like a building. Read out loud from your notes the four ways it is like a building.

The church is made up of many parts that are unified in one purpose. How does this unity happen? What are some ways we might be hindering unity in the church? How can we help there be unity?

The church is a work in progress. What are some ways this is evident in our church? How should this affect our view of the church and the people in it? How should it affect how adults view and treat children and teens? What about how children and teens view one another? How they view adults? What about how we treat new people, and young Christians?

Read from your notes the four ways that “living stones” become part of the church, help build it, and contribute to its life. How can we make sure that when we gather together as a church, it is about Him rather than us? What are some ways we might make ourselves the focus? What are some ways we can proactively make Him the focus, both as an individual and as a group?

Part of being a “living stone” is being yielded to the Designer and Builder. How can we be stones that are useful to Him? How can we encourage one another here in this group in being the kind of people Christ can use to build His church?

1 Peter 2:7 says, “To you who believe, He is precious.” Do we really highly value Jesus Christ? Is He precious to us? If this view of Christ is diminished in our lives, why does this happen? How can we renew this view of Christ in our own hearts? In our church?