

Stand Firm: Standing Firm on The Cornerstone

Sermon # 6, 1 Peter 2:4-8

Main Point: *Jesus is God's chosen cornerstone. Do not stumble, but stand firm on Him!*

Getting to Know You

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Share with the group either one way you have built your life on the rock, or one way in which you have built your life on the sand.

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 2:4-8

2. Who is being referred to as "the cornerstone"? List and explain the words which are used to describe this cornerstone.
3. In construction terms, explain the importance of the cornerstone. Draw some parallels as to the importance of having Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives.
4. Why did some people in Jesus' day reject Him? Share with the group an example you can think of from the Bible.
5. Why do some people reject Jesus in our day? Share an example from your experience of how people reject Him.
6. Respond to this common thought in our culture: "Jesus is who you want Him to be. Some believe He's the Son of God, some believe He was just a good person. Whoever He is to you is who He is." Let your answer be informed by verse 4b.
7. What illustrations are used in verse 5 to explain Christ's church? What are the implications of each illustration? (Leader: "Living stones being built into a spiritual house" = God's Church is His people, not a building [Matthew 16:18]; "a holy priesthood" = we all can come to God through our Great High Priest, Jesus. We no longer need a human priest to intercede for us [Hebrews 4:14, 16. And we are all responsible for serving in God's Church.]

Getting Out There

8. Name some practical ways a person can build their life on Jesus as the Cornerstone.
9. What is one way you need to re-align your life with Jesus, the Cornerstone?

Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus as our Cornerstone. Ask Him for the grace to continue to build your life on Him. Pray for Him to open the eyes of those who stumble on Him, so that they will one day stand on Him.