

# Small Group Study Guide

Mother's Day Reflection |

1 Peter 2:4-12

From Sunday May 10, 2020

## Appetizer:

### A couple questions from the passage:

Have someone read 1 Peter 2:4-11. What words do you notice? What is the primary metaphor?

What do you think of the metaphor of us being built into a spiritual house? Why do you think that's a good metaphor for the Christian life?

How many stones does it take to make a house? What does this tell us about the Christian life?

## Main Course:

We talked about on Sunday how difficult it can be to be a mom. This passage was used as a reminder that being a mom is an acceptable sacrifice to God, and that moms are a people belonging to God.

Of course, this applies to all of us: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

**Question:** Think about those words. What do those words mean to us? What does it mean to be a chosen people? Chosen for what? What does it mean for all of us to be a royal priesthood? What does it mean to be a holy nation? What are the attributes of a nation that we display? And what does it mean to belong to God?

An interesting verse to think about in this passage is v. 8: "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

**Question:** In what ways does Jesus cause "men to stumble and fall"?

In light of this identity, Peter encourages Christians that are being persecuted to "abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul." In v. 12 it says, "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may

see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

**Group Discussion:** Spend some time discussing stories of how your good deeds amongst the non-believers you work with and live alongside have impacted them, even if they are suspicious of your Christian faith.

**Question:** What does "living such good lives" mean? What does it mean to live the good life for a Christian? Is being a Christian about being a good person?

**Question:** When do the "pagans" glorify God? How does this affect the way we live our lives now?

## Dessert:

As a group, come up with some ideas of what it means to display good lives for the sake of Christ, and get people to think of one thing they can do this week that is a "good deed" for others to see for the glory of God.

**Take time to pray for one another.**