

People are our greatest asset because we are God's people given God's power to achieve God's purpose.

**1 Peter 2:4-9** (NLT) - You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. <sup>5</sup>And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup>As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." <sup>7</sup>Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." <sup>8</sup>And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. <sup>9</sup>But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

#### **Living Stones (vs. 5-6)**

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#### **A Royal Priesthood (vs. 9a)**

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#### **God on Display (vs. 9b)**

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### **Study Guide**

On Sunday we talked about how people are our greatest asset because we are God's people given God's power to achieve God's purpose. We explored some of what it means to be the church together and the beauty that can come through, the image of God that can be seen, in our midst.

Take a moment to read Revelation 12:10-11. There are two things that are said to defeat the enemy, the Blood of the Lamb and the testimony of the saints. It is remarkable to consider that the testimony of the saints, the story and truth that is declared by the lives of Christians, is one of the things that defeats the enemy, and it is a beautiful challenge too. What it means is that there is tremendous power in declaring who God is through the way we live our lives. We get to see and experience God through the lives of people around us and they get to do the same through us.

So, let's do that. Take some time to share the answers to these questions together:

How did you first meet God? What was it like?