

Live Resilient
1 Peter 2:4-10
Week 5

Share about a time in your life when you were arranging your life (time, schedule, energy, resources) around something or someone who had become important to you.

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In verse 7 Peter describes believers who find Jesus to be “precious” or so valuable that you arrange your life around him. This is what it means for Jesus to be your cornerstone.

- How does Jesus arrange the other areas of your life?
- Are there any areas that are not aligned with Jesus?

In verse 5 he says that we (Jesus-followers) are being built into a “spiritual house” or temple. What is a temple and what does this imagery say about the importance of Christian community?

In Celtic spirituality they talk about “thin places or people,” spaces where the veil between humanity and God is thin. Are there any thin place people(s) in your life these days?

Peter also tells these Jesus followers that they are “*a holy priesthood*” (verse 5) and “*a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession*” (verse 9). What are the implications of this for how we see ourselves functioning in the world?

In verse 10 Peter closes by reminding them of their new identity as a race of people defined by God’s mercy. Talk about what makes up your identity (what defines you) and how strongly you are defined by God’s mercy offered you in Jesus.