

“Built Together”

1 Peter 2:4–12

When our identity is rooted in Christ instead of public approval, we are free to live confidently and faithfully as God’s people.

Icebreaker

What is something people commonly chase for approval or identity today? Why do you think it is so appealing?

Discussion Questions

1. Peter reminds believers that Jesus was “rejected by men but chosen by God.” Why is that important for Christians to remember today?

- Have you ever felt misunderstood, overlooked, or rejected because of your faith or convictions?
- How does Jesus’ example encourage you?

2. The sermon talked about how many people spend their lives trying to impress others or prove themselves.

- Why do you think we naturally seek approval from people?
- What are some signs that we may be building our identity on popularity, success, appearance, or achievement instead of Christ?

3. The sermon emphasized this truth:

How does knowing who you are in Christ change:

- the way you view yourself?
- the way you handle criticism?
- the way you treat others?
- the way you live daily life?

4. Peter calls Jesus the “cornerstone.”

What does it practically look like to build your life on Christ instead of:

- public opinion?
- success?
- recognition?
- comfort?

What foundations do people commonly build on that eventually fail?

5. Verse 10 says:

“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.”

Why is belonging such a powerful thing?

How does being part of God’s family encourage and strengthen us?

Application Challenge

This week, pay attention to moments where you feel pressure to impress others, prove yourself, or seek approval.

When that happens, pause and remind yourself:

- I am chosen by God.
- I belong to Him.
- My identity is secure in Christ.

Ask yourself:

“How would I live differently today if I truly believed that?”