



Pastor Ernest – August 29th/30th 2026

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This is only a guide. Feel free to use each question or simply dive deeper into just one.

Scriptures: 1 Peter 2: 4-9, John 21: 15-17

Three Essential Questions

These are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. What did you hear? What point in this message was most impactful for you?
2. What do you think? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
3. What will you do? How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?

Message Points/Extra Questions

1. Peter describes followers of Jesus as “living stones” being built into a spiritual house. What stands out to you about that picture? What do you think it means practically to be a “living stone”?
2. Peter says Jesus is the cornerstone and that whoever trusts in Him will never be put to shame. How does building your life on Jesus change the way you view your failures, mistakes, or difficult circumstances?
3. Ernest compared life to Jenga—sometimes piece after piece gets pulled out until everything comes crashing down. What are some “pieces” that people commonly build their identity or security on? What happens when those things are taken away?
4. Peter himself had experienced a major failure when he denied Jesus three times. Read John 21:15–17. How do you think Peter's experience of failure and restoration shaped what he later wrote in 1 Peter? What does Jesus' interaction with Peter teach us about how God responds to our failures?
5. Peter says we are being built into a “spiritual house” where God's presence dwells. Ernest said that means we should become places where other people can encounter God. What could that look like in your everyday life—with your family, coworkers, neighbors, classmates, or friends?
6. Peter calls believers a “chosen people” and a “royal priesthood,” but he says this identity is ultimately for the purpose of declaring God's praises. How does knowing that you are chosen by God affect the way you see your purpose?