

Sermon Study Guide –

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Title: “A Chosen People”

Sermon Idea: Relief comes in knowing who we are, chosen and precious, and remembering what our purpose is, to proclaim victory in Christ.

Key Points:

1. Built Up: The church, those who trust God, are chosen and precious to Him.
2. Tripped Up: Those who reject God face eternal judgment.
3. Called Up: The church’s purpose is to serve and proclaim Christ.

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that the church is precious to God and chosen by Him to make Him known in the world. We do this by serving and proclaiming Him together. Also, they need to know that those who reject Christ will face eternal judgment.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) seek counseling if they need it, (2) be actively involved in church, and (3) proclaim Christ.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to live lives that honor God.

Recommended Resources: “A Church Called Tov,” Scott McKnight; “Life Together,” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Intro: How have you seen stress manifested during the last two years?

Dig:

Day 1: 1 Peter 2:4-10 re-summarizes the identity of the church. How is the church described? Why is this helpful for standing firm in difficult times?

Day 2: Hebrews 4:14-16 urges us to come to God. What enables us to do so? What privileges do we find there?

Day 3: Ephesians 2:19-22 describes our being the temple of God. What is the function of a temple? How does that inform who and what we are as the church?

Day 4: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 gives us more insight into what the role of the church in the world is. What is it? What truth are we upholding?

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 again uses the building imagery to describe the church. What other foundations might we build on besides Jesus? Why should we treat the church gently?

Apply:

- Seek counseling if you are struggling. Check <http://www.charisnetworkct.org/> for Christian counselors in our area.
- Join a Life Group or some other Christian community.
- Pray for open doors to proclaim Jesus as the Living Hope.

Pray: Father God, thank You for choosing me to be a living stone in Your church. It is a privilege. Help me to be actively involved in building up Your body by using my gifts and by proclaiming You. Thank You for giving me peace in this chaotic world. In Jesus’ name, amen.
