

# king's chapel

*Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of February 10, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** Believers have been chosen by God to be set apart as a holy nation and priesthood to proclaim the “excellencies” of God. The challenge is not to emulate or escape the culture but to engage people in the culture for the gospel.

**This Week's Text:** 1 Peter 2:4-12

*For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23.**

*“Consider the intensity for the Father’s love for his Only Son as He took the role of a servant, accepted the Father’s will in Gethsemane and accomplished his task on Calvary. The delight of the Father in the finished work of his son is seen in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who had gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand with angels, authorities and powers in submission to Him.”* **Edmond Clowney**

**Related Texts:** Daniel 2:31-45; Isaiah 28:14-16; Psalm 118:5, 21-22; Luke 20:9-18; Matthew 16:13-20

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- Do you value what God values? Is what is precious in His sight precious in your sight?
- What does it mean to be “living stones of a spiritual house”?
  - What are some of the community implications in the metaphor Peter is using?
- What is the function of a cornerstone?

- How does the fact that Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church impact or change the way you view the church?
- The name and message of Jesus is offensive to many today, just as it was back then. Why? Have you experienced rejection for your identity with Him and the message of the gospel?
- How are Christians identified according to 1 Peter 2:9-10?
- What are the implications and applications of our new identity?
- How are you doing with declaring and talking about Jesus?
- Describe your life before and after you received mercy.
- What is it to be the “beloved” of God? Reference Romans 5:6-8 and Ephesians 2:4-5.
- Pastor Lou described two extremes of living in the culture. What were they? Give examples.
- Why is important to maintain a good witness/reputation with unbelievers?
- What does it mean to “abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul?”
  - How do we live in the “tension” of being “holy/separate” unto God and engaging/loving people?
  - What are the passions of the flesh that wage war with your soul?
- What does it mean to glorify God?
- There can only be one cornerstone, and the foundation of the teaching of the apostles and prophets has already been set, having been established in the Holy Scriptures. Yet today, God continues to use His people to build His church. How is God using you? Reference Ephesians 3:16-21 and Colossians 1:28-29.

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- Jesus is the ultimate exile and rejected one....for you! Reference Matthew 27:46.
- How does the gospel shape your identity? Reference Mark 8:34-37.
- How does the gospel shape our conduct?
- How does the gospel shape our mission?

### **Our Response:**

- Repent of not being separate unto God by emulating the culture.
- Repent from being separate unto God but not loving people.
- Rehearse the gospel daily.

**Next Week's Text:** 1 Peter 2:12-25