

May 26 – June 1

Chosen and Exiled | His People

Icebreaker: Have you ever been a part of a smaller group of people that is separate from the larger community or culture? What did you do to maintain your identity when surrounded by people who were different from you?

Read 1 Peter 2:4–12

SOAP Discussion (Details on the SOAP Method at www.cfdowningtown.com/soap)

Further Discussion

2:4–8

- Take a moment to consider the illustration that we are all living stones part of a spiritual house. How does it make you feel to know you are a part of God's house?
- Why is it significant that all believers are called holy priests and that they are chosen and precious to God?
- Why is the first stone laid in construction so important? What does this tell us about Jesus and our relationship to him?

2:9–10

- The words used to describe them as a people are drawn from the Old Testament (See Exodus 19:6; Deuteronomy 7:6; Isaiah 61:6). Not taking away from the uniqueness of the Jewish people, why is it significant that these words are now applied to all believers as a part of the church?
- What does it mean to proclaim his excellencies? What would you say to someone about the uniqueness and wonder of Jesus? Why is he excellent to you?

2:11–12

- How are Peter's audience sojourners and exiles?
- Why must we abstain from the passions of the flesh?
- What happens to anyone who speaks against God's people?

Application

- What does a church look like that is corporately offering spiritual sacrifices?
- How are we sojourners and exiles in this world? What should it look like for us to live as sojourners and exiles?
- What are the keys to handling those who oppose us and even call evil conduct that is pleasing to God?

For Next Week: Use SOAP with one verse in 1 Peter 2:13–25.