

Sermon: The Essential Message.
Series: *Essential*.

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-12.
Date: June 19, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Verse 9 – have you been called out of darkness and into light? Explain your answer.
- b) What makes it easy/difficult for you to share the good news of Jesus?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) How is our relationship with God described in this passage? How does this encourage you personally?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) What is the gospel message? Can you declare it?
- b) Why is the message of the cross of Christ a “stumbling stone?”

APPLICATION

- a) Read verses 11-12 again. Why is our conduct just as important as our message? Does your conduct match your message? How or how not?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Corinthians 12:18-20.

PRAYER

- Praise God for making you a living stone.
- Confess ways that you have forgotten about living as an exile and sojourner in this land.
- Thank Jesus for being our cornerstone, our remedy, and our solution.
- Ask God to help your conduct to match your message.