

SERMON SERIES: DIFFERENT
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Key Line

“Different Home.”

Introduction

We continue our Different series this week, going through the book of 1 Peter. Last week we read part of 1 Peter 1, learning that Christians are called to live a different life because of Jesus. We are continuing to read through the book of 1 Peter today. This week, we are focusing on how Christians have a different home than this world. Our home is in heaven, and 1 Peter gives instructions on how to live until we get there.

- What are some times you remember being homesick? Have you ever longed to be somewhere else? (Moving out for the first time, taking a trip somewhere, visiting your hometown, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

- These verses call Jesus a “cornerstone” or the “living Stone”, depending on the version read. What might this mean?
- What does verse 5 mean when it talks about spiritual sacrifices?
- How do these two verses reflect Jesus’ heart for us?

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

- Why do these verses call us “chosen”, “holy”, “God’s possession”, etc.?
- What do these verses tell us about who God is?

Go Deeper

This passage calls Jesus a “living Stone” or a “Cornerstone.” This is a reference to Isaiah 28:16. Create a short list of other areas in the Bible where Jesus is referred to as a living Stone or Cornerstone. The Logos or Blue Letter Bible apps may be helpful for this.

Talk About It

- Have you ever felt homesick for heaven? Why?
- The Church is meant to be a place for us to belong. Do you feel like you have a place to belong? Why or why not?
- Do you find it easier to give grace or to receive grace?
- How can we, as a group, support each other this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We have a different hope because we have a different home.

Challenge: When you begin to feel homesick or frustrated this week, write a short letter to God about how you are feeling. Think of it like sending a postcard home; if you were writing home, what would you say? Write this on paper, in your notes app on your phone, on a sticky note, etc. Whatever works best for you. Ask God to give you strength as you are feeling homesick or frustrated.