

12 PETER



standing firm in true grace

Jesus the Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:1-8 | Thomas Slager

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GROW IN FAITH

1. For fun, let's talk about putting things away you no longer need or want. When was the last time you either put things away, tossed them, or donated them? What were they? How long did you have them before you made the decision to "put them away"?
2. In this passage, Peter instructs believers to "put away" some things. What does he instruct us to put away? In your experience, has it been easy to put away the things he mentioned? Why or why not? Read Romans 6:12-16 and Romans 7:15-20. What insights to these passages lend to this discussion?
3. What have been keys to you in "putting things away"? Has praise and worship, reading God's Word, or encouragement from other believers been helpful? Can you share a specific victory or breakthrough recently in some area of your life?
4. After reading and studying 1Peter 2:1-8, what has God been saying to you about where you are in your walk with Christ. What changes do you need to make? What praises do you need to offer? What sacrifices would you bring?
5. Even though this letter was written about 2500 years ago, how did it speak to you today?

CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

6. Pastor Thomas talked about things that hinder us from seeking the "pure spiritual milk", that causes us to grow in our faith. He said we get distracted, we ignore, we forget our first love, and many other distractions. How would you counsel a fellow Believer who seems to have a faith that is not growing or has become distracted by the world?

7. How do Peter's words in 1 Peter 2:4-5 relate to how we could counsel a brother or sister?
8. Peter ends this part of his letter by using a passage from the Old Testament talking about the Messiah being the "cornerstone." A cornerstone was placed at the corner of a building, setting its alignment, strength, and stability for the entire structure.
9. Read verses 6-8 and discuss how Christ is the cornerstone of our faith? And how can this also apply to our local church as a whole?

LIVE ON MISSION

10. As a bit of a tangent, Brendan shared about Highlands moving to 3 services on November 1st. What excites you about this move to three services? What increased opportunities will this bring to us as a church? For the surrounding community? What are things we can pray for as a group?