

SERMON DISCUSSION

APRIL 12, 2020

CORNER
STONE *of* HOPE

Questions

Even when threat scatters us, we have a uniting hope through Christ!

1 Peter 2:4-8 — David Lane

WARM-UP

1. Why is the cornerstone so important when a structure is being built? Feel free to look it up so you understand the significance of the scriptural importance.
2. What comes to mind as you consider Christ being described as the Chief Cornerstone? Eph 2:20

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READ – 1 Peter 2:1-10

3. Peter describes we who believe as “living stones.” List the qualities he describes in these ten verses of God’s children.
4. In these same verses Peter is quoting Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22 and Isaiah 8:14, prophecies regarding Jesus being the Cornerstone. He is both precious and a stone of stumbling. What does Peter mean in this comparison?
5. Has anything changed today, is Jesus still a stumbling block being rejected? Have you had to deal with this with the people near to you? How has that gone for you?

READ – Acts 4:1-22

6. This amazing story should encourage and embolden us today. List the ways, as you read through this account, how you are encouraged and strengthened in your faith.
7. Perhaps you don’t feel like you have the power given to the Apostles, Peter, and John. Yet, we do have the same Holy Spirit! What does that mean to you?

HOPE

8. There are two very different types of hope. One defined by the world and one defined through a spiritual point of view. Define them both to set the stage for the next question.
9. Read Romans 5:1-11 – How has Paul emphasized “hope” in these verses?
10. On Sunday morning Peter, John, Mary, and others experienced the empty tomb firsthand. Although it might not have registered immediately it didn’t take long before they realize their long awaited “hope” of the Messiah was finally made clear. Discuss the significance of this revelation to them.
11. What was that revelation like for you when you first believed, and you understood the significance of Jesus resurrection in your life?

READ – 1 Peter 2:4-5

12. As we discussed earlier, we have been brought to a very special position in Christ! This calls us to a mission, something for us to do. David called us to not be distracted by our circumstances, but “to be on mission” for Jesus. From all you know from scripture and what you see around you, what does this mean for you in the weeks to come?

PRAYER

Pray that God, through His Holy Spirit, will remove the stumbling blocks before the ones whom the Lord has brought into your life to share the Good News.

Just in case you missed the service here are the EAC, Facebook and YouTube links:

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<https://www.facebook.com/edgewateralliance/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/dd5648>

THE S.O.A.P METHOD

SOAP is a simple method to study your Bible

It's simple. Just take out your journal and start by working through a passage or chapter of Scripture. As a heading, write the reference for that passage at the top of the page, along with the date. Then, just write the first letter of the words serving as headings below, and follow the instructions that come after. Your entire SOAP should take up about one page in your journal.

SCRIPTURE: As you read through your passage of Scripture, write down the verses or sections "word for word" that really stuck out to you as memorable or interesting.

OBSERVATION: Now focus on the verses that you just wrote down in the "S" section. What do you think the author is saying in the text? What does it mean? What does it reveal as true about God? What does it reveal as true about people? Don't apply yet!

APPLICATION: Now, write down what needs to change in your life based on what you've read in this verse. Based on your observations, how should you apply this to your life? This is a really important step. Scripture does us little good unless we put it into practice.

PRAYER:

- Always use worship as the base for your prayers rather than requests
(Seek His face not just His hand)
- Allow the scripture to feed your worship.
(What does this passage reveal about Him that you celebrate and adore?)
- Ask the Spirit to lead your prayer.
(Spend time listening for His voice and prompting rather than presenting a list and doing all the talking)