



# FORGED IN THE FURNACE

## Rock and Role (1 Peter 2:4-10) Andrea Messinger Forged in the Furnace (1 Peter) pt. 4

### THE BIG IDEA

As the cornerstone and capstone of the Church, Jesus is building us as living stones into God's temple, where we receive our identity from our relationship with Jesus.

### OPENING

- What comes to your mind when you picture a temple?
- Where do people today tend to get their sense of identity from?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 Peter 2:4-5 picture the Church as a building, with Jesus as the cornerstone and Christians as the stones that are used to construct this building. Since Christians are called a "holy priesthood" and this building is a place to offer sacrifices, what kind of building do you think Peter is talking about here?
- Using the image of a rock or stone, Jesus cites Psalm 118:22 to picture Jesus as a stone that causes people to stumble. Read Acts 4:11-12. Why might people "stumble" over the claim in v. 12?
- What did Jesus say about the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in Matthew 24:1-2? Since the physical temple building was destroyed, what is God's temple now according to 1 Peter 2:4-10? How do 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16 help answer this question?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9, and then read Exodus 19:6 and Deuteronomy 7:6. What does this tell you about who God's people are?

## PUTTING IT TO WORK

- As a “living stone,” what is your part in contributing to the health and worship of God’s temple? What happens if some of the stones are absent from the temple?
- Write out 1 Peter 2:10 on an index card or save a picture of it on your phone. Then memorize it throughout the week. What do you sense God saying to you through this verse?

## PRAYER REQUESTS