



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 11, 2025 | Cornerstone: The Foundation of Faith

Memory Verse — ¹⁸ And he[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. - Colossians 1:18(NIV)



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. Share about a home project that didn't go as planned. What was the root cause of the issue?
2. Share a story or memory you have about a rock or rocks.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Review the main points of the message. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **1 Peter 2:1-10** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
3. How have you seen evidence that God is building his Church?
4. Have you ever felt like a solitary, valueless rock? Share about that time.
4. Why does it matter that Jesus is the epicenter on which the church is built? How difficult is it to keep Jesus at the center? Why?
5. If each stone matters when it comes to building God's church, how does that help to define your responsibility in the church?
6. How are you being sculpted by God in this season of your life?
7. What is one thing you love about the Church?



GOING DEEPER

READ **Ephesians 2:11-22** together.

1. What is one thing that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. What four phrases does Paul use to describe the hopeless plight of the Gentiles *before* Christ in verse twelve?
3. Share what it means to you that a hopeless, far-off person can be brought *near*. How is this possible?
4. How is the hostility in relationships and across various defining characteristics reconciled because of the cross? Have you experienced this personally? If yes, share about it.
5. What is the basis of true reconciliation with others?
6. What happens to those who have been reconciled with God?
7. When did the preaching of peace with God for those who were far off (i.e. Gentiles) occur? Was it **A)** during Jesus' ministry? **B)** After Jesus' resurrection but before his ascension? **C)** After Jesus' ascension? How did you come to that conclusion?
8. What is God's end goal for the Church?



LIVING IT OUT

1. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your peace level with God? How would you rate your peace level with others?
2. If there is any hostility between you and God or you and others, seek peace with the help of the Holy Spirit.
3. Thank God for his Church. Ask him to help you to be an active participant in what he is doing in and through his Church.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP

Take time to pray for each other.