

Jesus First: Community Matters
1 Peter 2:1-12

Question:

What does Jesus-centered community look like?

1. Absorbing God's Word

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2. Listening to the high calling

*4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:
"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

3. Insisting on believing

*7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"
8 and "A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

4. Vouching for his amazingness

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

5. Expecting the battles

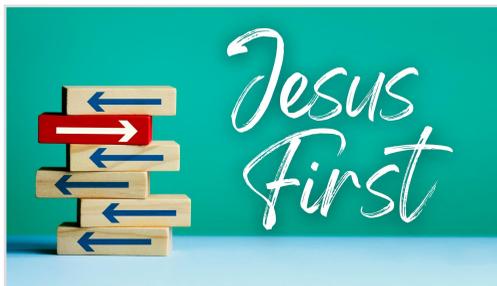
11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

SERMON SERIES

Watch the sermon:

<http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.

This Week:
“Community Matters”
(1 Peter 2:1-12)



ICE-BREAKER

Other than in biological terms, how would you describe “family?”

ONE THING STUDY

During this series, we will be doing the “One Thing Study” for our sermon discussions. Follow the 3 steps below. Once everyone has shared their “One Thing,” if there is time, pick another “thing” to share.

1. Read this week’s passage.
2. Pick *One Thing*... (a word or phrase) that stands out to you. Mark it...
(highlight it, write it down, underline it, or something).
3. Talk about it with your group.

PRAYER

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.
Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

Pray together, including what was discussed in your group time.