

THE LIVING AND ABIDING WORD

1 Peter 2.4-12

THE LIVING CORNERSTONE: 1 PETER 2.4-6

Cornerstone: a cornerstone sets the level, position, and stability of a building being built. Without it, the foundation will be off and the structure unstable.

Psalm 115.3-8, 127.1 // Ephesians 2.20 // Acts 4.1-12 // Isaiah 44.8

THE ROCK OF OFFENSE: 1 PETER 2.7, 8

Stumble: in Greek this is the word "skandalon," where we get "scandal." The Jews saw the free gift of forgiveness to those who haven't worked to become "good people" a scandal, because they didn't earn it.

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

**We are a chosen people, not a choice people;
He has chosen the foolish, not the wise;
He saves the elect, not elite; He saves zeroes, not heroes;
sinners, not saints; the sick, not the healthy; the dead, not the living;
there is no room for proud, self-indulgent boasting,
only humble, passionate proclaiming.**

Romans 9.6-28

A CHOSEN RACE: 1 PETER 2.9-12

Deuteronomy 7.6-11 // Ephesians 2.1-22 // Romans 10.13-17

Romans 10:13-17 (ESV)

¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



NOTES:

WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**
If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium.
- **JOIN THE TEAM!**
We would love to have you come serve our church family with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND!

Community Celebration, March 16

We will be having an outdoor family celebration on **Saturday, March 16** from **1:30-3:30** in **Downtown Escondido** at the **Maple Street Plaza**. We'll have face painting, crafts for the kids, and live Celtic music. See flier or go online for details.

Also, we'll be having our first every **St. Patrick's Day** worship set during our service on **Sunday, March 17th**, with a **FREE Irish Dinner** afterwards with even MORE live Celtic music. Invite your friends!

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

Good Friday Service

We are excited to have a location and time for our first **Good Friday Service!** We will meet at **7.00pm** at **Mission Hills Church** in San Marcos in their **High School** room. Childcare will be provided.

Easter MORNING Service

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 31st** at **10am** to be in **Downtown Escondido** at the **Maple Street Plaza** for our **Easter Service!** This is going to be a blast! A family-style service outside and in the community. Can't WAIT for this day!

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

Also, the daily devotional book, **Long Story Short**, is available in the Atrium to purchase.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **1 Peter 2.4-12**. What sticks out to you the most in this passage or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Focusing in on **verses 7 and 8**, we find one of the most difficult doctrines in the Word. The question of "how" people end up dying apart from Christ and ultimately separated from Him can be quite troubling for most people. Why do you think this is such a difficult thing for people to wrestle with?

Read **Exodus 11.4-12.13, 21-32**. What key things stick out in this story to you?

What parallels do you see in this Passover story and with what we've been seeing in **1 Peter** about God's saving of some sinners and His "not saving" of others?

In the Passover story, God showed mercy on the Israelites, even though they too were sinful people (and would continue to sin in the future); yet He also decided not to "pass over" the Egyptians, but rather allowed them to continue in their own desires that they chose by worshiping their idols and rejecting God. Even though all were sinful, to show His love and mercy He saved some. Now read **Romans 9.6-33**. What connections do you see here concerning the Passover story and what we are seeing in **1 Peter**? _____

Paul asks a couple rhetorical questions in **verse 14 and 19**. Have you ever thought those questions? What is significant about the fact that these questions are even brought up in the Word? _____

The most important question we ask when we read the Word is "what was the author's original intent?" Since Paul brings up these questions, we can know that he was teaching this exact thing that has *always* been hard for us to grasp. Rest assured if you have these questions, you are in company with 2,000 years' worth of Christians. But rest more assured in God's Word, however difficult it is.

More importantly, after reading **Romans 9**, now read **Romans 10.13-17**. Then read **1 Peter 2.8** followed by **verse 9 and 12**. What do Paul and Peter see as the natural "next step" to understanding this difficult truth? _____

Never in the Word does any doctrine teach us believers to just sit around. We have NO idea who God will have mercy on. And this is good news for us, because this means that EVERYONE is a candidate to hear the Gospel! Humanly, we think "so and so is so open" or "my friend is just too cynical." But read again **Romans 9.16, John 1.12, 13, 3.8, 15.16, and 1 Peter 1.3**. What do these tell you about the "potential" for "which" people you know to be saved? If it were up to them, how would that change their "potential"? _____

Write out the names of 5 people you aren't just praying for, but will be actively seeking to talk to them about your faith or invite them to church.