1 Peter Lesson 3 (2022)

**THE LIVING STONE AND A CHOSEN PEOPLE**

1 Peter 2:4-12

**Open it:**

1. What is very precious to you? When have you felt rejected? What is your ethnic heritage and how has it influenced you?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 4-6. How did God and people treat the living Stone (Christ) differently? (4) In what way are we like living stones? (5) What will happen to those who trust in the “cornerstone”? (6) How is Christ precious to you? Why
2. Read verses 7-8. How was Christ treated differently by believers and unbelievers? (7) In what way did the “Stone” (Christ) cause some people to stumble? (8) How could disobedience to God cause someone else to stumble?
3. Read verses 9-10. What status did Peter ascribe to believers in Christ? (9) What are the implications of believers being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation? How does our past compare with our present condition? (10) In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?
4. Read verses 11-12. From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why? (11) Why is it important for believers to live good lives? (12) To what people can your good deeds be a witness?

**Apply it:**

1. How do you need to change your plans for the near future so that you will be an example to the unbelievers with whom you have regular contact?