

CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

Teaching Series
from
1 Peter



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 22 January 2023

1. What struck you most from the teaching on Sunday?

Please read John 4.19-24

*The House of God is now made of people – like living stones – built into a living community of Spirit-filled people from all over the world - connected to God and each other by their faith in Jesus.
The Temple of the Spirit*

Please read 1 Peter 2.4-5

2. How do you feel about the truth that you form part of the eternal fabric of this holy temple – a permanent part of the House of God, built-in by God himself?

We have been adopted into God's Family and are part of the House of God like the British royal family members are part of the House of Windsor. We are called to be 'working royals' or 'holy priests offering spiritual sacrifices' in the House of God – in the church and in the world.

3. Do you see yourself as a holy priest, serving God and others as part of the House of God?
4. And how do we, as priests, offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God?
(For reference see Rom 12.1-2; Eph 5.1-3; Phil 4.18; Heb 13.15-16; Rom 15.15-16; Col 3.23-24)

Please read 1 Peter 2.6 (and Isaiah 28.16)

5. What was the purpose and value of the cornerstone in ancient construction?
6. What makes Jesus a unique and trustworthy cornerstone for all the living stones in the House of God?

Please read 1 Peter 2.7-8 (and Psalm 118.22-23 and Isaiah 8.13-16)

7. 'Now to you who believe, this stone is precious' – how precious is Jesus to you at the moment?

Please read 1 Peter 2.9-10

8. Please take time to 'declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light'.