



Sometimes, you might hear people speak of our ‘identity in Christ’. But what does that actually mean? The first section of 1 Peter chapter 2 is filled with beautiful analogies of who we are in Christ and how we are meant to live our lives out of that truth. Let’s look at a few of those analogies this week and dig deeper into what they mean for our lives as exiles/followers of Jesus.

Read: 1 Peter 2:1-12

Why do you think that Peter chooses to use the relationship and interaction between milk and newborn babies to describe our spiritual life?

What does pure spiritual milk represent in the life of a Christ follower?

In what ways should a believer’s desire for spiritual food look like a newborn’s need for milk?

Jesus is called the cornerstone (the stone upon which the whole building rests), the stone that the builders rejected, as well as a rock that makes people stumble and fall.

In what ways is Jesus like a rock?

Have you ever built your life on something other than Jesus? What did you learn from not allowing Jesus to be the cornerstone of your life?

What do you think it means that Jesus is also called a stone that causes people to fall?

What does this mean for the non-believer? For the believer?

In verse 9, Peter tells us we are a chosen people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood.

The priest was the one who had direct access to God on behalf of the people. Peter tells us that all of us are priests. Do you think of yourself as a priest? What does this tell us about the kind of access we have to God?

What does it mean to be part of a holy nation (rather than an unholy one?)

Jesus calls us out of the darkness and into the light. What does that tell us about how our lives should look after starting to walk with Him, compared with before? What in your life do you need to bring into the light?

Going deeper:

Either with your group, or on your own, study these passages to better understand what it means to be part of the royal priesthood:

Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16; Mark 12:33

Prayer:

Father, thank you for sending Jesus to earth to become our cornerstone and unshakable foundation. Thank you for choosing us, for granting us mercy, and for setting us apart as your people. Lord, we ask that you would create in us a craving for your presence, and that you would shine your light into all the dark places in our lives. May we invite you into all aspects of our lives, and may our living sacrifices be a sweet offering in your sight. Amen.