

Daily Bible Study Guide for November 2–7



Redeemed People Are Mediators

1 Peter 2:4-8

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.” ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “The stone which the builders rejected, this became the very corner stone,” ⁸ and, “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we come to church every Sunday, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God’s Word.

Monday, November 2

Read: 1 Peter 2:4–8

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about God?

3. What is said about Christians?

4. What is said about non-Christians?

5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between God, Christians, and non-Christians?

Tuesday, November 3

Read: 1 Peter 2:4

1. What first comes to mind when you read that Jesus is a living stone?

2. What is the believer's attitude toward the living stone?

3. What is a non-believer's attitude toward the living stone?

4. What is God's attitude toward the living stone?

5. Discussion/Application: What comes to mind now when you read that Jesus is the living stone?

Wednesday, November 4

Read: 1 Peter 2:5

1. In verse 4 Jesus is called a living stone. Why?

2. In verse 5 believers are called living stones. Why?

3. What is God doing through living stone believers?

4. Why is God doing what he is doing through living stone believers?

5. Discussion/Application: What is our responsibility as living stones?

Thursday, November 5

Read: The verses below. In times past, the people of God would erect standing stones to commemorate the miraculous deeds of God. For each passage, write down what God did that warranted standing stones.

1. Genesis 28:18–21

2. Exodus 24:2–4

3. Joshua 4:1–9

4. Joshua 24:14–28

5. Discussion/Application: What common idea connects the living stones?

Friday, November 6

Read: 1 Peter 2:5.

1. The living stones we learned about yesterday could not speak, but they did proclaim a message. What was/is that message?

2. What message are living stones to proclaim?

3. Why did Peter say we are to offer up *spiritual* sacrifices?

4. What does Hebrews 13:15 say about our spiritual sacrifices?

5. Discussion/Application: What does Romans 12:1–2 say about our spiritual sacrifices?

Saturday, November 7

Read: 1 Peter 2:6–8

1. Is Peter changing his stone metaphor? If so, why? If not, explain what he is saying.

2. Write down the adjectives that describe the stone mentioned in verses 6–8.

3. How is it possible for the same stone to be good news for some people but terrible news for others?

4. Why do some people “stumble” over Jesus?

5. Discussion/Application: Those who stumble over Jesus were appointed to this doom. Does that mean they had no choice but to reject Christ? Explain your answer, if you can.
