York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 19th September 2021

Christ the Cornerstone Ephesians 2:19-22 & Isaiah 28:16



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.

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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What is the CORNERSTONE in masonry work? Feel free to look up some answers online if you don't know. Jot down some descriptive words as you research (e.g. - perfect).

Q2. Now consider Jesus as the cornerstone of faith. Take your list of descriptive words from question 1 and attribute them to the character of Jesus (e.g.: Is Jesus perfect?). Take time to see if you can find scriptures that support these attributes (e.g. Jesus is perfect - Hebrews 2:10).

INTO THE WORD

Read Isaiah 28:16

Q3. How was Jesus tested on earth?

Q4. Why do we not need to panic when Jesus is our cornerstone?

Read Matthew 21:42-44// Mark 12:10// Luke 20:17// Acts 4:11

Q5. Why is Jesus referred to as the "rejected" cornerstone?

Read 1 Peter 2:4-9

Q6. Which words resonate with you right now from this passage of scripture, as you endeavour to build a spiritual house where God can dwell?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22

Q7. How does a foreigner operate differently than a citizen (or a family member)?

Q8. What benefits and blessings do we receive as citizens of heaven?

GOING DEEPER

Q9. Have you rejected the cornerstone (Jesus), or embraced Him as a solid foundation to build upon? Are there cracks/holes/fractures that you are currently noticing in your faith that need mending?

Q10. How does being a citizen of heaven and a member of God's family help to create a solid foundation for your faith?

Think and pray

Take time to write down any areas you feel uncertain and worried about in your faith journey right now. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you if there are areas in your life that are not in alignment with Jesus, and ask Him to show you how to realign those areas. Present all your brokenness before Him and ask Him to show you how to place Jesus as your cornerstone again.

As you pray, welcome God to dwell in your spiritual home with you.