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1 Peter 2:4-10 Pastor Lonnie Harris Oct. 25, 2026

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Discussion Questions, Reflections, & Next Steps…

1. What stood out to you from today's message? Where did you see God? How has He spoken to your heart?
2. What is one truth that you learned or were reminded of today that you most need to remember in this current season of your life?
3. Peter describes Jesus as the "living Stone"—rejected by people but chosen and precious to God. What does it mean for Christ to be precious to you, beyond simply believing that He is true? Is it fair to say that your everyday lifestyle, choices, and actions are an indication of whether or not Jesus is precious to you? Why or why not?
4. What are some good things—even gifts from God—that can become things we depend on more than we depend on Christ? How can we recognize when a good thing has taken a place it should not have?
5. In verse 5, believers are called a "holy priesthood." What do priests do in general, and why are believers referred to in this way? What is the significance of offering spiritual sacrifices through
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:4–9. What does loving God with all your heart, soul, and strength suggest about the scope of true worship?

For Further Study, Reflection, & Next Steps:

1. Study one passage about worship more deeply (consider Isa 1:10-20, Rom 12:1-2, or Heb 13:15-16). Write down what the passage teaches about worship, what it reveals about God, and one implication for your life.

2. Identify a competing source of trust or an idol in your life:
To help, complete this sentence honestly: "When I feel uncertain or threatened, (or _____) I tend to depend on _____ to give me security, control, worth, (or _____)."
Now, what would God have you do about it?

3. Listen to: The Heart of Worship — Matt Redman
After listening, reflect on these questions:

- How does this song come across to you after reflecting on today's sermon?
- What does the song communicate well about worship? What truths from 1 Peter 2:4–10 would you add to deepen its message?
- What would it look like this week to give God more than words or outward expressions—to respond to Him with trust, obedience, gratitude, or sacrificial love?



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