



## Sermon Questions

Date: *January 23, 2021* | Scripture: *1 Peter 2:1-12*

1. Read 1 Peter 2:1-12. Make an inventory of the different images and their meanings.
2. Focusing on priesthood (v5, v9-10, and throughout), what is the role of God's people?
3. If we 'like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,' what does this mean for our relationships with other Christians? How about our understanding of our own spiritual life?
4. In the sermon, we considered priesthood as the work of building bridges. Is there someone in your life who has been a bridge to you? Perhaps reaching across boundaries to love you, serve in a time of need, or share the gospel with or disciple you?
5. To whom are you a bridge? Where are you a wall?
6. We are called to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (v5), to abstain from passions of the flesh (v11), and to live among the gentiles in such a way that our actions lead them to glorify God (v12). What might it look like for us to live out this 'priesthood' this week?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.*

7. What has been your experience in Christian community—more bridges or walls? Take some time to process the joys and pains of life in Church community over time.

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 39:1-30
- Ezra 8
- Psalm 132
- Luke 24:26-53
- 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- Revelation 21

*Listen* to our Spotify playlist [\*Disciples Who Make A Difference: 1 Peter\*](#)

*Pray* for those in our neighborhoods who have no contact with Christians, that through us or others of God's people they would find reconciliation.

*Give* a [Pack 'n' Play or car seat as a CG](#)

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)