

Hope for the Church

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



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- According to Peter, what are the two ways in which people can respond to Jesus Christ (v. 6-8)? How will this be worked out in a person's life even today?
- What names and/or descriptions does Peter give to the Christians to whom he writes? What do these reveal about the nature and purpose of the Church?
- What tasks does Peter assign to his readers (v. 5, 9)? How can the Church continue to do those today?
- How would Peter's statement in v. 10 shape the people's self-understanding? Why would this be important for us too?
- Of Peter's descriptions of Christian communities and their tasks, with which do you most easily identify or find the clearest? Which seems most foreign to your experience?
- Drawing on Peter's descriptions and commands, what is one thing you can do to help our church live into our true identity? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?



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