

Seeing Jesus Series

Week of December 28: 1 Peter 2:4-10



Observation

1. Read 1 Peter 1:4-10. What do you notice as you read?

2. What questions do you have?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text? Things to look for:

- repeating words and phrases
- Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
- contrasts and comparisons
- similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
- cause and effect relationships
- details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
- grammar
- larger themes in the passage
- key words and themes

2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. What is Peter saying in using this 'living stones' metaphor? In what way is Jesus a living stone? How are Christians like living stones? (see Old Testament passage relating to this passage: Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22, and New Testament references: Romans 9:30-35, Mark 12:10, Ephesians 2:19-22)
2. What is the purpose of this unity, or connectedness, in the church according to the passage?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. Today the church is made up of people from all different nations, cultures and backgrounds. How might the unity we have in Christ enable us to be an example to our city of how to live well with others of different backgrounds?
2. What does it look like for us to live out our purpose as the people of God in the city of Vancouver?