

- 1) Have you ever found (or were given or have given) a rock or stone of some kind that you felt was special? Where did it come from? What was special about it?
- 2) Do you know someone who is “like a rock?” If so, explain why you would use that expression in speaking of them.
- 3) For the full context, read Matthew 16:13-20 and Romans 10:1-13, then look again at Matthew 16:17-18 and Romans 10:9-10. In Sunday’s message Pastor Marcus saw a connection between those two passages. Describe that connection in your own words.
- 4) Read 1Peter 2:4-5. What are we like? What are we being built into? Think of the oldest buildings on earth still standing. What are they made of?
- 5) Read 1Peter 2:4-5 again. In what way are you ALREADY like living stone? In what way do you expect God to change you in the years ahead? In what way do you expect God to change you in eternity? Will you ever cease to be “like living stone”?
- 6) Our statement of faith includes the statement, “The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer..” Read 1Cor 6:19-20 and John 14:15-20. If a new believer asked you, “Will we have the Holy Spirit in us in eternity?” how would you answer them?
- 7) Read Revelation 21:9-27. In Sunday’s message Pastor Marcus said of verses 19-20, “*Friends, do you grasp the wonder of the reality that he not MERELY describing a wall - He is talking of the beauty, of the almost incomprehensible majesty of people whose lives reflect the glory of God Himself. People who God has used to build such a beautiful eternal home for Himself and His family! People who are so filled with the Spirit that they sparkle with the awesome truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ!*” Discuss.