

# NOTES

## WHY CHURCH MATTERS

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1 PETER 2:4, 5, 9, 10

### Introduction

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. What is Christ Community Church's mission statement? Which of the 4 marks of a disciple is your strongest/weakest? Explain.
2. Describe a group (past or present) in which you experienced a sense of belonging. What made this group special for you?
3. Read I Peter 2:4, 5. What's the difference between the two Greek words for stones: petros and lithos? What's the significance of Christ followers being lithos?
4. Why do you think belonging is considered to be an essential human need? How is this need related to the fact that we've been created in the image of a trinitarian God (Father, Son and Spirit)?
5. What do you think are some of the causes of loneliness in our culture today? To what degree do you experience loneliness? How could you experience a greater sense of connectedness at Christ Community Church?
6. Read I Peter 2:6. What role does Jesus play in the lives of his followers? What does this metaphor mean, practically speaking?
7. Read I Peter 2:9, 10. What expressions in these verses describe the special status of Christ followers? What is the significance of the fact that all of these expressions refer to Christ followers collectively (i.e. as a group/church)? Why do you think we experience God's love and presence more intensely when we're with other believers?
8. Read I Peter 1:15, 16 and 2:5, 9, circling the word holy in these verses. How does Paul describe holiness in Romans 8:29 (although he doesn't actually use the word)? How do other Christ followers play a role in our progress toward Christ-likeness?
9. How is relational participation in a church more like listening to an album on vinyl than listening to your playlist of favorites (per the sermon)? What sorts of differences will you run into among people at Christ Community Church that you wouldn't necessarily encounter in your current friend-group--and how might those differences have a transformative impact on your life? What are two ways to build relationships at Christ Community?
10. Reread I Peter 2:5, 9 and circle the word priesthood (2X). What are the two roles of a priest (per the sermon)? What are some ways in which Christ followers might fulfill each of these roles?
11. Read Matthew 5:16. Why is it important to note that the word you in this verse (2X) is plural (in the original Greek text)? Are you participating in CCC's collective mission? Explain.
12. What are two applications from this study for your life?