

Living Stones

Open Discussion Questions:

What impressed you regarding the significance of the Athena temple to the people, culture and the status of Priene?

In our culture, we tend to take such things as running water for granted. What message did the fountain of water near the Athena temple communicate to the people?

Table Questions:

1. In what way would your perceptions of life and God change if you were to recognize and thank God for every little gift that makes your life possible?

2. Scripture provides several images of God's temple such as; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20 and Ephesians 2:19-22. Read these passages and try to understand them as if you were a resident of Corinth, Ephesus or any other first-century Roman city. Then answer the following questions.
 - a. What is God's temple made of?

 - b. What lives in God's temple? What makes it sacred?

 - c. How highly does God value His temple? What impact should this have on how we value it?

3. See Hebrews 3:3-6. Who is building God's temple (or house)?

Bring it Home:

What does all this mean for you as a believer in Christ? Does this change your thinking about you being a living stone? Explain.