

## CURRENT SERIES

## UNCOMFORTABLE

American culture is a culture of comfort. It's being sold to us everywhere we look. We're encouraged to do what we want, when we want, with whomever we want. If something is uncomfortable, we want to avoid it at all costs. The Christian faith, though, is just that: uncomfortable.

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Embrace the Discomfort

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9; John 12:25 | Pastor Matthew Starner

1. Church is not about \_\_\_\_\_; it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 2:4-5 NLT:** You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

<sup>5</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

Peter is presenting an image of a community that is focused entirely on \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 2:9 NLT:** ...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Consumerism is \_\_\_\_\_.

The reality is the “dream church” we long for is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. The Christian life is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_,  
so embrace it.**

**John 12:25 NLT:** Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

Following Jesus is an invitation to \_\_\_\_\_, to pick up a  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus tells us what it will cost to follow Him: \_\_\_\_\_.

# TALK IT OVER

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These questions can help you take today's sermon and help you apply it to your life or find your next steps. Use them with your family, with friends, or in your own personal devotion time. **NEW: Find an expanded version of these questions at [JourneyWired.org/discussion-questions](http://JourneyWired.org/discussion-questions).**

1. If you could dream up the perfect church, what would it be like?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9. What process is God undertaking (v. 5)? Do you usually feel this comfort and unity within the church or with other Christians? Why or why not?
3. Why is searching for a "dream church" a fools errand?
4. In what ways is Christianity comforting? In what ways is it uncomfortable? How can we embrace the uncomfortable nature of Christianity?
5. Jesus calls His followers to "deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) What does that look like for us today? In what ways is He calling you to deny yourself? What does "taking up a cross" look like in your life?

# THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

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Take today's message beyond Sunday and into the rest of your week. Read and reflect on these verses alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how they apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

<b>Sunday</b>	1 Peter 2:4-9
<b>Monday</b>	John 12:23-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalms 118:22-23; Acts 4:11-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ephesians 2:20-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Luke 9:23-27
<b>Friday</b>	2 Timothy 3:12
<b>Saturday</b>	Galatians 2:20

# ONLINE NOTES

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