Harvest Bible Chapel Small Group Questions January, 31 2010

Making Harvest My Home 3
Rolling Stone Christians
1Peter 2:4-12

- 1. List all the different organizations, institutions, teams, clubs, etc. you belong to. What makes organizations effective? Why are organization formed? How effective are organizations without structure, objectives, authority, commitment, loyalty, leadership, perseverance, forgiveness, and discipline? Why do some people resist these qualities in a church?
- 2. How are Christians like stones? What good is a stone when it is not connected with other stones? What good is a Christian who is not connected with other Christians?
- 3. How has Jesus shown himself to be a solid rock or "cornerstone" to you and the church?
- 4. How is Jesus a stumbling block for some? What is it about who Jesus is or what Jesus demands that cause some to reject him?
- 5. Are you ever guilty of embracing or presenting a "repackaged" Jesus without the offensive edges? What happens to churches who are so careful not to offend those who do not believe that they fail to present the real Jesus who is called a rock of offense?
- 6. How do the following identities of God's church change your perspective on the privilege we have as God's people?
 - a. Spiritual house
 - b. Chosen race
 - c. Royal priesthood
 - d. Holy nation
 - e. Purchase people (people of his own possession)
 - f. Temporary Residents (sojourners & exiles)
 - g. Objects of mercy
- 7. What "passion of the flesh" are your currently warring with? How is the war going? How do the above identities motivate you to abstain?
- 8. Do you currently have anyone speaking against you or the church to which you belong? Is your conduct honorable? How does God use your good deeds to bring them to a place of glorifying God?