

### Going deeper

The first 39 chapters of Isaiah were written to the people of Judah at a time when the Assyrian Empire was threatening to overwhelm them. Isaiah prophesied during the period of a number of kings. Some like Ahaz rejected God's ways, whilst others like his son, Hezekiah, were keen to follow God. In this chapter Isaiah condemns the leaders of Jerusalem for their pride and failure to trust in God.

### Read Isaiah 28:14-22

5. How are the leaders of Jerusalem described in verses 14 and 22?
6. Where did the confidence of the Jewish leaders lie? (vs. 15)
7. Where should their confidence have been? (vs. 16, 17)
8. What will be the result of their false confidence?
9. "The stone" in verse 16 probably referred to the temple and the God it represented. How does Peter use this verse in 1 Peter? Why is he justified in doing so?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### Growth Team News

This week is the last on the theme of P.O.P. church and Growth Teams will have a break for a few weeks after Easter. The next series of sessions will start on the week beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>, when we will be looking at the start of the book of Romans.



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## People of Praise

1 Peter 2:4-12 (page 1218)

Space to take notes on the talk

### A Vision for the Church

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### Starter question

❖ What is the most attractive building that you have ever seen?

### Responding to the talk

1. From this week's talk what would you tell a friend was the most exciting thing about being part of the church?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5
  - a. Who is the living Stone and what does Peter say about him?
  - b. What imagery is used to describe the church?
  - c. How does the picture of a 'Spiritual house' help us understand our relationship to Christ and each other?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:6-8
  - a. What is the problem for those who do not believe?
  - b. How does the quote in verse 7 effectively summarise the Easter Story?
  - c. How do these verses encourage persecuted Christians?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12
  - a. Compare Exodus 19:4-6. How is the church to fulfil God's calling to Israel?
  - b. How do these descriptions of the church make you feel?
  - c. How do the commands of verses 11-12 help us to be more effective at declaring God's praises?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

10. What things do people seek meaning and value in today? How can we make sure we seek them in the right place?
11. How can we at St. Luke's be more like the People of Praise we are meant to be?