



## Group Discussion and Application

1. A building is only one picture of the Church in the NT. What other images of the Church are used in the NT? Which is your favorite? Why? Why are so many different images used? What is unique about each image?
2. What are some of the practical implications of Christ being the cornerstone?
3. What steps must the church take to make sure that Christ remains central in the life of the church?
4. The Apostles' teaching must remain foundational in the Church. How is this being compromised in some churches today? What is being substituted for the gospel and sound doctrine? What will be the result?
5. What lessons are emphasized in the individual stones being fitted together?
6. How does a person determine where he/she fits into the "building"?
7. What is true church growth? How do you measure it?
8. What are some of the benefits of having a church building?
9. Sometimes people associate going to a church building on Sundays with being a Christian. What practical steps can we take to insure that we remember that the Church is the people of God, not a physical structure?
10. Review the applications suggested in the sermon. What additional applications does our text suggest?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. Are you a part of the Church? I.e., have you come to faith in Christ?
2. What is your specific place in the living building, the Church?
3. The church is to be growing spiritually, which means as living stones we must each be growing individually. How is your growth going? What specific action will you take to continue your personal, spiritual growth?



## Family Homework

1. Draw a picture of our new church building. Give thanks to God for this new place to worship.
2. Discuss why a building is a good picture of the true church.



# A Living Building

Ephesians 2:19-22

*The Apostle Paul pictures the Church as a building.*

## 1

The Parts of the building

A.

B.

C.

## 2

The Progress of the building

## 3

The Purpose of the building