

When we read about or talk about **"the church,"** we're not talking about a building. We're talking about **PEOPLE**. The church is made up of people who are disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:18-19). The church is built on a very special foundation.

## is the Cornerstone

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the \_\_\_\_\_\_(Acts 4:11) For no one can lay a \_\_\_\_\_\_

other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (| Cor 3:11)

## Also Part of the Church's Foundation?



So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. (Ephesians 2:19-21)

"The prophets" are a HUGE part of the church's foundation. Men like Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel "spoke from God as they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter I:21). But they weren't the only ones. "The apostles" were "eyewitnesses" of Jesus' majesty (2 Peter I:16) and guided "into all the \_\_\_\_\_\_" by the same Holy Spirit (John 16:12-13).

The foundation of God's church has already been laid. We shouldn't mess with it. We **DEFINITELY** shouldn't take anything away from it. God has blessed us with a great opportunity to build and be built on it (Ephesians 2:22).

## **FOUNDATION STONES**

## **CHARACTER** Building Blocks:



- We've talked a lot about the apostles this month. Have you memorized all 12 of their names yet?
- We heard a lot about our FOUNDATION tonight. One of Jesus' most famous parables is all about FOUNDATIONS. Can you find Matthew 7:24-27? Let's read that together. What really important point is Jesus making?

