

### Getting Started

Are you one who does what’s necessary and is content, or are you a person who goes above and beyond? Can you give some examples?

If you’re the first kind, how do you deal with the pressure from the second kind to do more?

If you’re an above-and-beyond, what sorts of frustrations do you feel when people don’t give as much as you?

### Into the Bible

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. Note first all the references to stones. Who are the stones?

According to Psalm 27:5 and Psalm 40:2, why is the image of our God as a rock comforting?

To understand a cornerstone, think about a block foundation. What happens to the house if the first course of block is not level and square? How does the idea help you understand who Jesus is?

Check out Paul’s expansion of the idea in Ephesians 2:19-22. What would happen to the integrity of a building if a builder started skipping blocks in the basement or studs in the wall? What happens to the church if “blocks” and “studs” start separating themselves from the church?

What happened before the events of 2 Kings 12 and 2 Kings 22?

What happens when the priests of God in our day neglect their duty to keep up the temple of God?

Read Exodus 35:20-29, 36:2-7. What happens when all the people participate in the work of the Lord?

### Digging Deeper

Do you find yourself frustrated that more people don’t participate in the work of the congregation? Are you convicted by this study and find yourself thinking you should contribute more? What can you do about it?