

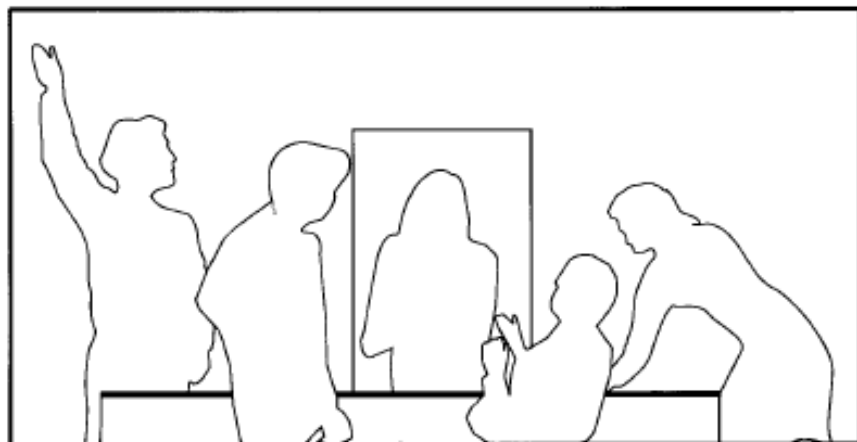
# Building a Stone House

CORNERSTONES *for Christian Committees*

## OPENER (10 minutes)

Look at the drawing below and imagine

- What is happening?
- What is the mood?



Take turns until each one has shared a response.

Everyone tends to interpret events differently. Even if we all look at the same picture, we see different images. The members of your board or committee may also see events and activities differently.

## FOCUS (15 minutes)

Underline the word or phrase from the passage below that is most important for you today.

(1 Pet 2:4-8 NRSV) Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Take turns until all have shared their underlined words or phrases.

## CLOSING (10 minutes)

Complete the following prayer stem and share it with the group as a circle prayer. A leader may begin and end the prayer. It is OK to pass or simply say, "Thank you Jesus."

Build us into a spiritual house so that we \_\_\_\_\_.

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