

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 16

*"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." **20** Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.*

***21** From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. **22** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." **23** But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

Other Passages: Psa. 18:2, Psa. 62:2, Jn. 13:34-35, Rom. 2:8-9, Acts 4:12, Rom. 5:2, Rom. 9:16, 1 Pet. 2:6, Acts 5:17-22, Heb. 10:24-25

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. Take a moment to google photos of Caesarea Phillipi, and then read Matt. 16:13-20. In light of this being a location known as a "gateway to hell", what new significance comes to mind about Peter's declaration? How does the landscape interact with the words spoken by Peter and Jesus?
2. Today we don't have places in Manheim known as a gateway to hell, but we all have areas of our lives that aren't surrendered to Christ. Where in your own life do you need to declare firmly that Jesus is the Christ?
3. As you think about your group, are you speaking prophetically over each other? Calling each other towards more Godliness? How can you encourage this more?
4. What things in your life might you need to remove so you can be free to truly love others as Christ?
5. To who do you need to proclaim the Lordship of Christ? Be specific with each other as you consider Jesus' words that you can participate with him in prophetic binding and building the kingdom.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS