



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 16:13-20 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What are some common misconceptions about who Jesus is?
- 5) Sometimes people think of the word "Christ" as Jesus' last name, but it's actually a title, not a name. Jesus is "the Christ." What does it mean that Jesus is "the Christ?"
- 6) When Peter makes the great profession that Jesus is "the Christ the Son of the Living God," Jesus tells him that flesh and blood did not reveal this truth to him, rather his Father revealed it to him. This is true for all of us. When we hear the gospel proclaimed by a friend, or a family member, or a pastor, they share the message with us, but it is God who ultimately opens our hearts to see that He is real.

Have a few people in your group share about when God first opened their hearts to believe in Him.

- 7) In verse 18, the "rock" upon which Jesus will build his church is not Peter, but Peter's profession that "Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God." The church is built on the foundation that Jesus is the Christ. Sometimes we seek to build our churches or even our lives on other rocks. What are some of these false rocks?
- 8) The gates of hell will not prevail against the church of Jesus. Is this hard for you to believe? Explain.
- 9) What is Jesus talking about in verse 19? What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven? And what does he mean by this binding and loosing?

10) End your time in prayer. This week specifically pray for people whom you know who are not yet Christ followers. Ask God to open a door for them to hear the gospel and respond in faith.