

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of August 24, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

• How has your understanding of who Jesus is developed over the years? Describe some of the ways your knowledge of Him has changed, and what brought about those changes.

Matthew 16:13-20 Who Do You Say That I Am?

¹³ 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.

- Why might people think "the Son of Man" was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah. Or another prophet? (13-14)
- Why is Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" so pivotal? (15)
- In confessing Jesus to be the Christ, what was Peter saying about Him? (16)
- What would these disciples expect of the Christ, the Son of the Living God?
- How did Peter know that Jesus was the Christ?
 (17)

- What is Jesus saying in giving Peter his name and saying "on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"? (18)
- What are the keys to the kingdom, and what do they represent? (19)
- How much of this authority is given to Peter, how much to every believer in Jesus, and how much to God's church?
- Why would Jesus instruct His disciples to be silent and not allow them to preach that He is the Christ?
- What has your Heavenly Father been teaching you about Jesus lately?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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