

## **INTERACTIVE DEVOTIONAL: WEEK 1**

## Scripture for Today's Hearing God:

## Peter's Declaration about Jesus

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." <sup>15</sup> Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. <sup>18</sup> Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[e] will not conquer it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

— *Matthew* 16: 13-20

## STEP 1: ASK GOD A QUESTION

Often, we go through our entire lives being who others say or have told us we are. We often morph into a person we no longer know due to the trials and tribulations of life.

Who are we really, and who has God called us to be?

As you launch deeper, ask God to reveal this one question: God, what is my name, and who do you say I am? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who God says you are. As you sit quietly and meditate, listen to what God says.

STEP 2: TAKE TIME TO SIT QUIETLY TO HEAR GOD SPEAK AND JOURNAL WHAT HE SAYS:	