

Small Group Discussion Questions

“A Lasting Confession”

Matthew 16:13-18

Feel free to address some or all of the below questions. Be sensitive to the Lord’s leadership.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

1. Begin by reading and praying out of Matthew 16:13-18, thanking God for His supernatural provision, found in His Son, and then asking for wisdom and insight, as you seek to apply this passage to your life.
2. What do people in your circle of influence believe about Jesus identity? Who is He?
3. When did you embrace this “confession of faith” as your own? How did this take place?
4. What do the words, “You are the Christ”, mean and what is their implication for the one who believes?
5. What do the words, “the Son of the living God”, mean and what is their implication for the one who believes?
6. Peter, who makes this confession, later denies that he even knows Jesus. What warning and blessing does Peter’s denial and eventual restoration say to us today about our Savior? About our own journey?
7. What spiritual truth has been revealed to you by “revelation”, in other words by God, your Father, and not your own human ingenuity?
8. What does this text reveal about healthy church life? What is required for Jesus to build His church in our day?
9. What are some potential applications of this truth in our lives today?
10. Take time to pray for people you know, who do not yet believe in Jesus, so that they too may believe in Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God”.