

# The Church on Mission

## Matthew 16:13-19

*“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ Jesus asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall never happen to you!’ Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men. Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.’”*

Matthew 16:13-27

## The Church Being on Mission Involves:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is the Christ.

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Matthew 16:15-18

*Peter preached; “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

Acts 2:36-39

2. \_\_\_\_\_ my thinking with God's plan.

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Matthew 16:21-23

*"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..."*

Philippians 2:1-5

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the call to Follow Jesus.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples; "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

## Questions:

1. What do we want people to become?

- Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
- New Creations in Christ

2. What do we want people to do?

- Love God (Worship)
- Love Others (Fellowship/Discipleship)
- Serve Joyfully (Ministry/Mission)

3. Where do we want people to go?

- Starting Point - June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Invite family, friends and neighbors to Father's Day Service
- Baptismal Service - June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Serving in Ministry - VBS - June 19-24

**Fill Ins:**

Acknowledging

Aligning

Answering