

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Matthew 16:13-25

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Talk about some of the ways that our world/culture depicts Jesus. Where do you see those ideas displayed or portrayed around you?
- Jesus asked His followers, “Who do YOU say that I am?” Trevor Meers called that the most important question ever. How would YOU answer that question: Who is Jesus to you?
 - If you’re having trouble describing Who Jesus is, try to think of how you might introduce Jesus to an elementary-age child.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Trevor Meers unpacked four moments in Jesus conversation with the disciples in this passage.**

Four Moments In This Conversation:

1. **The Realization (Matthew 16:15-16)**

- Trevor said, “We prove that we believe in Jesus when we reshape our lives around Him.” If you’re a Christ-follower, take a look at your life and then respond to Trevor’s statement.
- In this story, Peter shows that he’s still learning about Jesus. Tell your group about what you have recently learned about Jesus. How did you come to that realization? How will that change your life?
- Who are some people in your life, outside of this group, that you could talk to about what you’re learning about Jesus this week?

2. **The Rock (Matthew 16:18-19)**

- Read this passage carefully. What would change in your theology if “this rock” Jesus refers to was Peter, instead of Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Messiah in verse 16? Check out 1 Peter 2:5-6 to find out what Peter himself believed about “this rock.”
- In your observation, how does Saylorville Church stay close to the rock of the Gospel of Jesus? Now think about your own personal life: What are some evidences that you are clinging to this rock?

3. **The Rebuke (Matthew 16:21-22)**

- It was hard for Peter to imagine that Jesus would allow Himself to die, so he redefined Christ in his own mind. Are there parts of Jesus’ life, His commands, or His teachings that you would rather “redefine” because they make you feel uncomfortable? What’s dangerous about redefining Who Jesus is based on our own desires?

4. **Your Response (Matthew 16:24-25 and Matthew 7:21-23)**

- Compare and contrast Matthew 16:24-25 and Matthew 7:21-23. According to these passages, what are the characteristics of true disciples and false disciples? Do these two passages concern you or encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Answer the question personally: Who do you say Jesus is? Put it into a phrase, write it down, and tell someone this week!

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will continue to use His Word and His Holy Spirit to reveal more to you about His Son, Jesus.

