



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"I Will Build My Church"

Matthew 16:13-20

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Matthew 16:13*. How do people around the world describe Jesus? Why is this the most important question for people to discuss?
- 2) Read *Matthew 16:14*. Why did people think Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or the Prophet?
- 3) Read *Matthew 16:16-17*. God is the one who reveals Himself to us. Read *Matthew 13:11-17*. What does this say about why Jesus spoke in parables?
- 4) Read *Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 2:19-21*. What did Jesus mean when He told Peter, "On this rock I will build My church?" What are the common misconceptions of this passage?
- 5) What did Jesus mean when He said, "the gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church?" What is a common misconception of this passage?
- 6) Read *Matthew 16:19-20*. What are the keys of the kingdom that Jesus gave Peter and the apostles? How are these keys used today in the church?
- 7) Even when viruses strike the world, the promise of Jesus is, "I will build My church." As we begin a sermon series on world missions, why is this promise so important for us to remember as we pray for God's church and His missionaries?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Matthew 16:18*– *"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."*
- 2) Read *Matthew 16:13-16*. Talk with your family about how most of the world does not accept Jesus as God but only as a man and as a prophet. Discuss why believing Jesus is God is essential for us as Christians to believe.
- 3) Read *Matthew 16:17-20*. Talk with your children about how Jesus has built His church on the apostles teaching (*Ephesians 2:19-21*) and that viruses and death will not keep the church down. Explain to them how the church will always be here until Jesus returns and why this is important with regards to world missions.
- 4) Look on our website on our world missions page and begin praying for our supported missionaries: <https://www.christcov.org/international-missions> . Read the reports from the field and see how you can support them during this difficult time: <https://www.christcov.org/reports-from-the-mission-field> .