

Sermon Study Guide – August 27th, 2023

"God Wants a Church that... Really Knows Jesus"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Pretty much any Christian church will talk about Jesus, but do they all talk about him in the same way? What are some different beliefs you have heard about Jesus and his importance?
- ◆ What do we believe about Jesus? How do our sermons and our services highlight the things that Jesus does for us?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 16:13-18,21-23

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ 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... ²¹ 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, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. What does Peter get right? What does Peter get wrong?
2. What does Jesus want his church to do? How will it do that?
3. How do we get in the way of this purpose of God for his church?
4. Where will a church that “really knows Jesus” find him?
5. How is sin like cancer? What does that mean we need to receive from church before anything else?
6. What do counterfeit bills teach us about how we can determine if a church is on the right path or not?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Ex. 34:5-9, Ps. 22, Ro. 10:5-13 **Thursday:** 1 Cor. 1:18-2:5

Tuesday: 1 Peter 2

Friday: Revelation 12

Wednesday: Psalm 150

Saturday: *review* Matt. 16:13-23