



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 8 – WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

13When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14They 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?”

16Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17Jesus 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. 18And 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. 19I 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.” 20Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

21From 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.

22Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

23Jesus 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.”

– Matthew 16:13-23

OPINIONS, FACTS, AND FICTION

- There have always been _____ about who Jesus is
- But the most important question you will ever answer is: _____?
- The correct answer to who Jesus is requires _____

- Jesus did not leave this question open to _____
_____ or _____
- The answer to this question is a matter of _____

- If Jesus was not who he claimed to be, then he isn't a _____

- If Jesus is who he claimed to be, then the only _____
_____ is to _____ your _____ to him

ADDITIONAL NOTES

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. What are some misconceptions you have had about Jesus?
2. What are some misconceptions you have heard about Jesus?
3. Why is it so important that we get Jesus' question (vs. 15) right?
4. Where did Jesus say that Peter's response had come from? Why is this significant?
5. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so strongly in verse 23?
6. How did Peter get in the way of what Jesus had come to do (see verses 22-23)?
7. What might this tell us about thinking we know better than our Heavenly Father? What might this tell us about his plans?
8. If Jesus was not who he claimed to be, then could he possibly be a moral teacher worth following?
9. If Jesus is who he claimed to be, then what is the only response we can have?
10. How can you help others understand and embrace Jesus as God's Messiah? How can you get in the way of others understanding and embracing Jesus as God's Messiah?