

HANDCRAFTED

ICEBREAKER

If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?

SCRIPTURE

- **Matthew 16:13-28** - Who is Jesus?

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We all want to get somewhere with our lives. We set goals, take actions; try to move the ball down the field. Yet over and over again we find ourselves sidetracked because we don't know who we are now...let alone in the future. How do we answer that question? Should it be set upon what the world thinks or something deeper...more true?

START WELL

- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group.
- Be the first to smile!

END WELL

- Remind people to pray
- Update the prayer journal
- Give praise reports and updates
- Follow up with your group midweek

DISCUSSION

This week you'll be encouraging people to ask the question, "Who am I?" from a new perspective. First let's discuss the scripture.

Matthew 16:13-19

- How do you think you would have answered Jesus's questions regarding himself?
- How do you feel about Jesus saying that true knowledge of him can only come from God?
- What do you think about Peter's "new" identity?
- Do you believe God has set an identity for you? What do you think it is?

Matthew 16:21-26

- How do you think Peter felt at Jesus's pronouncement? How would you feel?
- What does it mean to "give up your own way"? Do you think that is easy or hard to do?
- How do you feel about the worth of your soul?

Peter eventually figured out where his identity should be rooted. For us today, with social distractions and culture more vocal than ever about who or what we should be, it is easy to forget where our identity comes from and where we should look for it.

- Based on what you have read and discussed, how would you answer the question, "Who am I?"
- Is that different from before? Why has it changed (or why not)?

Here are some words that might encourage your group if they are stuck:

PLEASED	MASTERPIECE	CHILDREN
SIBLING	FRIEND	BRAND NEW
AMBASSADOR	SEALED	RECONCILED