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Matthew 16:13-24
The Quadrant
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Introduction

Greet one another and pray before you begin discussion.

Read: Matthew 16:13-24

Discussion

1. Discuss the validity of this statement: "God usually grows my character more in times of challenge than in times of blessing."

Examination

2. What is Jesus really asking his disciples in this passage?
3. What does vs. 17 have to teach us about those who confess that Jesus is the Christ?
4. What are the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven? How do believers still "loose" and "bind" things on Earth today? Consult Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 31 for help.
5. What is the significance of vs. 24? What, according to Jesus, is the reason for his rebuke to Peter?

Application

6. How do you think your unsaved neighbors and friends would answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?" How might you work this question into an evangelistic conversation?
7. Where would you place yourself on the discipleship quadrant?