

Flawed but Faithful - The Story of Peter (week 3)

Title: This Rock

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Discussion Questions

1. Today we are in the third week of our sermon series called Flawed but Faithful (the Story of Peter). Today's scripture reading is Matthew 16:13-20. Here Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Simon (Peter) replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Take time to read this text for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
2. In this sermon series we are focusing on the Disciple of Jesus known as Peter. Peter is at the same time a very flawed and imperfect person, but is used by God in mighty ways. Peter is Flawed but Faithful. Could this Flawed but Faithful description be used of you? Why or why not?
3. After Peter's declaration of Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus tells him that he is not simply speaking something that he believes to be true, God has revealed to Peter who Jesus truly is. How do you see this relating to how Christians come to faith in Jesus still today?
4. Jesus then goes on to say, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..." The name "Peter" comes from the Greek "Petros," which translates to "stone" or "rock." There is a little debate here. Is Jesus commissioning Peter as the leader of the early church? Or is this a prophetic moment where Jesus states what will happen in the future? Regardless it's undeniable that Peter will play a key role in the foundation of the church in early chapters of the books of Acts (Acts 1-16). What do you know of Peter's role in the early church? How do you see Jesus' words here playing out in the rest of the Bible?