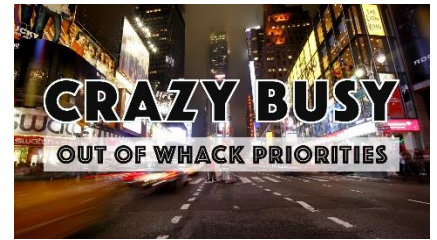


# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a teenager, how would you have answered the question, “In life, what is your end goal?” How has your answer changed over time? What has influenced the change in your perspective?
2. Read Matthew 16:13-14. What does the title “Son of Man” imply?
3. Read Matthew 16:15-20. Why did Jesus ask the disciples what they believed? How does the personal nature of Jesus’ question apply to us today?
4. How encouraged was Peter after Jesus shared these words?
5. Who revealed to Simon Peter who Jesus was? When did you realize that Jesus was the Messiah, the Savior of the world?
6. What does it mean that Peter, and thereby us, are given the keys of the kingdom of heaven? Why would Jesus not want the disciples to tell anyone that he was the Messiah at that time?
7. Read Matthew 16:21-22. Why did Peter “rebuke” Jesus? When have you “rebuked” the Lord for what he has allowed in your life?
8. Read Matthew 16:23-27. To what degree can you relate to Peter’s desire for safety and prosperity now rather than living with an eternal perspective? How would a person “forfeit their soul?”
9. Explain the difference between what Peter wanted life to be like and what Jesus called him (and all Christ-followers) to do.
10. Read Matthew 16:28. How would these words have been understood by the disciples? What did Jesus mean by these words?
11. In what ways are you living life with an eternal perspective? What changes need to happen in your life in order to more fully “live a life that prioritizes eternity?”



### Out of Whack Priorities

Matthew 16:13-28

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