

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### The Church's One Foundation – Matthew 16:13-20

#### **Sermon Outline**

1. Introduction – imagine you are a disciple during this event
2. The Church Confesses Christ
3. The Church Rests on a Sure Foundation
4. The Church Proclaims Salvation
5. Conclusion – Jesus is building His church and we must look to Him for guidance

#### **Scripture Passages Referenced**

- Romans 10:9 - if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 1 John 2:22 - Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.
- Ephesians 1:22-23 - And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
- Matthew 21:42 - The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?
- 1 Peter 2:6 - Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 - For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 2:20 - built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...

#### **Discussion Questions**

- What answers have you heard to the question 'who do people say that I am'? In other words, what do people today think about Jesus?
- What do you think it would have been like to be a disciple and part of this conversation?
- How does our understanding of Jesus grow based on the term 'Christ'?
- What does it mean to confess that Jesus is the Christ?
- How do you know whether or not you have confessed Jesus is the Christ?
- What does it look like for us as a church to confess Christ?
- Why is it important to wrestle through what Jesus means with the term 'rock'?
- What can we learn from the view that Peter is the rock as the representative of the twelve apostles and as he confesses Christ?
- How can we grow as a church in being rooted on the apostolic witness in Scripture?
- What are the keys of the kingdom?
- How do you respond initially to the thought of power and authority in the church?
- What is the connection between preaching and the keys of the kingdom?
- What is the connection between church discipline and the keys of the kingdom?
- How do we as a church proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus Christ?
- In what ways does this passage help you grow in your understanding of, and appreciation for, the church?