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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Read Matt. 16:17-19. There are many significant questions one may ask and seek to answer in life. But of all the weighty questions we can and should ask ourselves, there is one that eclipses all others in import. How one answers this single question is eternity-defining and reality-shaping. The question is this: Who is Jesus Christ? So, what do you say? Is Jesus what Peter confessed or what the people guessed?

READ **Matthew 16:13-20**

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- Pastor Larry stated declaring Jesus is King, means that there is a surrender to him as the sole answer and that he deserves our allegiance because he alone holds the answer, the keys to life and existence. How have you while in your life valleys, struggled in surrendering to Jesus as the sole answer?
- In what ways does Matt 16:13-20 refute the popular notion that Jesus was just a good teacher, prophet, or good example? How does the truth of Peter's confession influence our carrying out of the Great Commission?
- Jesus often instructed his disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ (16:20). Why? What excuses do we use as to why we do not tell people that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God?
- Read Matt. 16:18. Pastor Larry in his message stated that "Here we see one of the great controversies and one of the most discussed passages in the New Testament Definitely the most discussed verse in the book of Matthew" Who is building the church and on what would Jesus build it? (See: Eph. 2:20, 1 Cor 3:11, 1 Peter 2:5)
- Read Matt. 16:17-19. How does Peter's confession reveal a deeper level of understanding than other confessions that had been made. (See 1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 1:16; Eph. 6:12; Heb. 2:14). How is Peter's answer blessed, revealed, foundational, and rewarded?

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