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Matthew 16:13-28

1. Knowing His _____

- ✓ Christianity is a revelation of God, not a man-made religion

2. Knowing His _____

- ✓ We believe Jesus for WHO He is and for WHAT He has done for us on the cross

3. Knowing His _____

- ✓ Everyone is free to respond to the Gospel. Some will reject it and be bound, while others will believe it and be set free from their sin.

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Who do people say Jesus is? List a few examples of people you know and their opinion(s) of Jesus.
3. In what ways does Matthew 16:13-20 refute the popular notion that Jesus was just a good teacher, prophet, or good example?
4. What is the significance of Peter's response (vs 16) to Jesus' question (vs 15)? Does that, in any way, influence our carrying out of the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)? If so, how?
5. Reread verses 17-19, Jesus' comments about the church. How do these comments influence our carrying out the Great Commission?
6. Read verses 21-28. How does Jesus' view of what it means to be the Promised Messiah conflict with Peter's view?
 - What is Jesus' response to Peter and why?
 - In verses 24-27, what does Jesus say is necessary if we are to follow Him? Consider Galatians 6:14 and Hebrews 12:2.
7. Reread verses 25 and 26. What will you give in exchange for your soul? Are you for sale? Is there anything which you are not willing to let go of for the sake of following Christ? Is there anything you are holding onto that you shouldn't?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 16:13-28) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?