

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 8: Neighbors to Nations
Episode 4: Upon this Rock
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- **Read Matthew 16:13-28. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**

- ***Discover:*** **Read Matthew 16:13 and Daniel 7:9-14. Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Discuss how you would explain to an unbeliever who Jesus is.**
  Deepen: **Share how your understanding of who Jesus is has changed since you first began following Him.**

- **Read Matthew 16:17. Jesus told Peter that his understanding had been revealed to him by the Father. What does this teach us about God's role in bringing people to faith in Jesus?**

- **Discuss the rock Jesus said he would build his church on.**

- **Peter goes from following Jesus to trying to lead Him away from His mission within a few verses. What are some warning signs that you've drifted from gospel-centered living into self-centered living?**

- **Read Matthew 16:19. Discuss what this verse means.**

- ***Discover:*** **Read Matthew 16:24–25. What does it mean to lose your life for Jesus?**
  Deepen: **What does denying yourself and taking up your cross look like in everyday life?**

- **Discuss ways that you have grown in your faith which allow you to more readily submit and be conformed to the character and nature of Jesus – if you've seen someone in your group grow in their faith, point that out.**

Action Step: As you prepare for Commitment Weekend, ask God to show you your role in the Great Commission through your giving, growing and going. Then make one specific commitment that reflects your desire to spend your life on what matters for eternity.