

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 10-3-2021**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** What was your first job? What kind of memories do you have of it? Explain.

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text** Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say I am?"

**Digging Deeper:** Matthew 16:13-20

1. Why does it matter how God looks at you?
2. When Jesus calls Peter the rock on which He will "build His church", do you think He is awarding Peter for his answer or naming something about Peter that is already true? Explain.
3. Why do you think Jesus instructs His disciples to not tell anyone He is the Messiah?
4. Who have been the people in your life who spoke over you "who you are"? People that said they are proud of you or who encouraged you and spoke highly of you? How did that move you in your life and decisions?
5. What are the results of reading about how God sees us, through Scripture (Psalm 139, John 3:16, etc), and realizing it in how others speak over us?
6. What can you do to speak the promises of God into someone this week?

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?