



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“The Most Important Question” (Matthew 16:13-18)

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. The reaction to Jesus was everything but neutral.
2. True spiritual knowledge comes from above, not from around.
3. The foundation determines everything - Christ is our unshakeable rock.
4. True saving faith is a gift from God.

Key Verse:

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

— Matthew 16:15

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus asked, “Who do YOU say I am?” — how would you honestly answer that question today?

Consider: **Philippians 3:7–11** – Paul’s passionate desire to know Christ personally, beyond religion or background.

How has your understanding or relationship with Jesus changed over time?

2. Peter’s confession came through divine revelation, not human reasoning (v.17). Have you ever experienced a moment when God revealed something to you about who Jesus is in a way that changed your perspective or life?
3. Why do you think people had such different reactions to Jesus — love, fear, hate, or awe?

How does the cultural or religious “setting” around us today shape people’s answers to who Jesus is?

4. Jesus intentionally asked this identity-shaping question in Caesarea Philippi, a place full of spiritual counterfeits. Where in your own life do you feel surrounded

by false identities or distractions, and how can Jesus' question re-center you?

5. What does it look like to move from secondhand faith to personal conviction? Are there areas in your life where you're still relying on inherited beliefs instead of a personal walk with Jesus?

Scriptures to Consider:

- **John 4:39–42** – The Samaritans believe in Jesus not just because of the woman's testimony, but because they encountered Him personally: "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves..."
 - **2 Timothy 1:5–7** – Paul acknowledges Timothy's sincere faith, which lived first in his grandmother and mother — but now lives in him.
 - **James 1:22–25** – Encouragement to be doers of the Word, not just hearers, which requires personal conviction instead of borrowed belief.
 - **Hebrews 11:6** – "Without faith it is impossible to please God..." — true faith is personal and actively seeks God.
6. If the foundation of your life is Christ, what's one practical step you can take this week to build more intentionally on that rock? (e.g., time in Scripture, confession, stepping out in faith, setting new priorities)

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.