

Unstoppable

Small Group Discussion Questions

Matthew 16:13–19

1. Caesarea Philippi was a center of pagan worship, political power, and emperor worship, the very place people believed marked the entrance to the underworld.

Why do you think Jesus intentionally brought His disciples to this specific location to ask about His identity?

2. Peter's confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", came by revelation, not human reasoning. What is the difference between knowing about Jesus because others told you and truly confessing who He is for yourself?

3. Jesus said He would build His church on the confession Peter made, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. What fears, pressures, or "gates" (opposition, culture, circumstances) have you seen try to stop what God is building in your life or in the church?

4. The word "church" (ekklesia) described called-out people with real authority and responsibility, not just a building or a gathering. How does seeing yourself as part of that called-out, authorized body change how you engage with your faith day to day?

5. Jesus gave His followers the keys of the kingdom, authority to bind and loose. What does it look like practically for you to walk in that kind of authority, rather than living in fear of what culture, circumstances, or opposition seem to be doing?

6. The takeaway says, "What Christ builds, hell cannot break." What is one situation in your life right now where you need to remember that truth and stand firm instead of giving in to panic or discouragement?

Takeaway

What Christ builds, hell cannot break. The church was never meant to be defined by the location where it stands, the opposition it faces, or the culture around it; it is defined by who Jesus is and the authority He has given it. Whatever pressure, fear, or "gate" tries to stand against what God is building in you or in His church, it will not prevail. Stand firm, confess who Jesus is, and walk in the authority He has already given you.