

Group/Individual Study

Series: Questions Jesus Asked: "Who do you say that I am?"

Passages: Matthew 16:13-20

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 10/1

1. Read Matthew 16:13-20. If Jesus were to ask you about the world around us in 2017, "Who do people say that I am?" what are some of the answers you'd give? Why do you think there are so many diverse opinions on Jesus today?
2. What misconceptions seemed to exist in the hearts of the disciples before Jesus' death and resurrection about who He was and what He was about? What changed these misconceptions for them?
3. Read Matthew 16:15. Jesus always seems to move beyond the merely conceptual down to the personal: "What about you; who do you say that I am?" How would you answer that question? Try to avoid just giving easy answers like "Savior" or "Lord" without explaining more personally what that means to you and how that plays out in your life.
4. It's one thing to believe certain theological truths about who Jesus is--it can be quite another to *live day-to-day* as if those things are true of His character.
  - What would it look like for you to live like you believe Jesus is utterly trustworthy? Faithful no matter what? Completely good even when bad things happen to us or around us?
  - What are other traits of God's character that you think are important for Christ-followers to lean into and live in light of?
  - Which of these are the hardest for you to live into?
5. As you assess where you are spiritually, do you feel you most need to grow in terms of: 1) being able to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am" or 2) closing the gap between what you *believe* about Jesus and how you *live* in light of those things you believe to be true of Him?