

**The Priority of Church Planting**  
**Text: Matthew 16:13-20**  
**November 2, 2024**

**Big Idea:**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

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**Point 1: Exclusive \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-17)**

*Question: There is only one true Jesus. Who do you say He is?*

*Sermon Notes...*

*Jesus Is...*

- i) *The \_\_\_\_\_*
- ii) *The \_\_\_\_\_*

**Question #3**

- a) **Rd vv. 13-17:** In your school, sports team or friend group, who do the people around say that Jesus is?
- b) How would you respond to them based on Peter's confession here?

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**Point 2: Enduring \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)**

*Question: Hell will resist, but Jesus will prevail. Will you persevere with expectant faith?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #4

- a) **Rd. v. 18:** If Jesus planted another church through Hope Ottawa, what parts would you find the most exciting? How about the parts that would be the hardest? Why those parts?
- b) If you could see another gospel-proclaiming church out of Hope Ottawa planted anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why there?
- c) Spend time in prayer praying for the Lord to build His Church in that place for His glory!

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#### Point 3: Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 19-20)

*Question: The Word of God is the unchanging authority of God. Will you declare it?*

*Sermon Notes....*

#### Question #5

- a) **Rd. v. 19:** What are the keys to the kingdom Jesus speaks of here?
- b) Pray for the faith, compassion and courage from the Lord to share it with one person around you this week!

#### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Matthew 16:13-20...**

- a) ADORATION: Jesus, I praise you because you are...
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I confess I am tempted to not trust you with/in...
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you for...
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, I ask you to build Your Church through...

*Memory Verse:*

*"...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

*-Matthew 16:18b*