

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of November 15th 2015



Key Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”** ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”** ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

If we were to ask our society, “who is Jesus”, what answers would you get?

Jesus asks his disciples in Matthew 16:15 “Who am I?” After Peter answers, Jesus tells Peter he came to know that and then gave Peter a blessing. **How did you come your knowledge of Jesus? In what way do we share or have a similar blessing to Peter?**

Tyrone said: “We need to be obsessed with the person of our theology and not theology alone.” **What are the ramifications for a church that discounts Jesus as the primary focus and foundation?**

“The strength of the Church is built on the revelation of Jesus Christ.” **What do you think Tyrone meant by this?**

Tyrone also said: “The Church is God’s Plan A for the world and God doesn’t have a Plan B.” The western church today sometimes goes into a “survival-mode” where we believe that we are just hanging-on while not actively seeking to impact the world. **What do we or the church look like when living as Plan B? What do we look like when we view ourselves as Plan A?**

On Sunday it was said that Christendom (a traditional Christian cultural default) has been dying for many years in North America. This Christendom is made up of three things: Nominalism (that it’s normal to attend church), Moralism (that Biblical morals are by default correct) & Nationalism (that the North American church is the worlds most prolific church). **Why did Tyrone say that the death of these three things could be a glorious thing for North America?** [Hint: Listen to Sunday’s message \(16:32 - 19:21\)](#)

What does a church that is filled with authentic followers of Christ look like to you?

Read Ephesians 1:16-22. **What truths can you pick out of Paul’s prayer that will help you and the church in our authentic walk?**

What does that look like for us? **As a group, if you feel comfortable, share your hopes and dreams about how God may use you, through the church, to affect the world for His Kingdom in this next season.**