

Fulfillment

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW FOR GROUPS

GROUP OR FAMILY SESSION 13

1. Watch the sermon titled "Stop Demanding Signs" on the Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel
2. Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with these honest questions.
3. Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 534-539 ([podcast](#)/[video](#)) and share them with the one you're discipling.



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MATTHEW 16:13-20

This Week's Sermon exposites Matt 16:1-12
Devotions 534-539 ([podcast](#)/[video](#)) cover Matt. 16:21-17:27
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CONTEXT:

This is what it means to be a Christian: it is to be drawn by God the Father (John 6:44) to see that Jesus is His Son (as Peter saw in today's text), now filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

What you believe about Jesus is *the most important thing in your life*. Absolutely everything else from your marriage to your career to your parenting to your finances will all be redirected based on Jesus' lordship or lack thereof in your life.

Hell is full of people who knew Jesus performed miracles. Those who regard Jesus as a prominent historical figure, but nothing more, will not be saved. Even those who admire and memorize anecdotes from His teachings, but do not confess Him as Lord will not be saved. He is either Lord, or we are not saved.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

By God, Peter confessed Jesus as Lord and was proclaimed the "rock," the beginning of the church in the New Testament.

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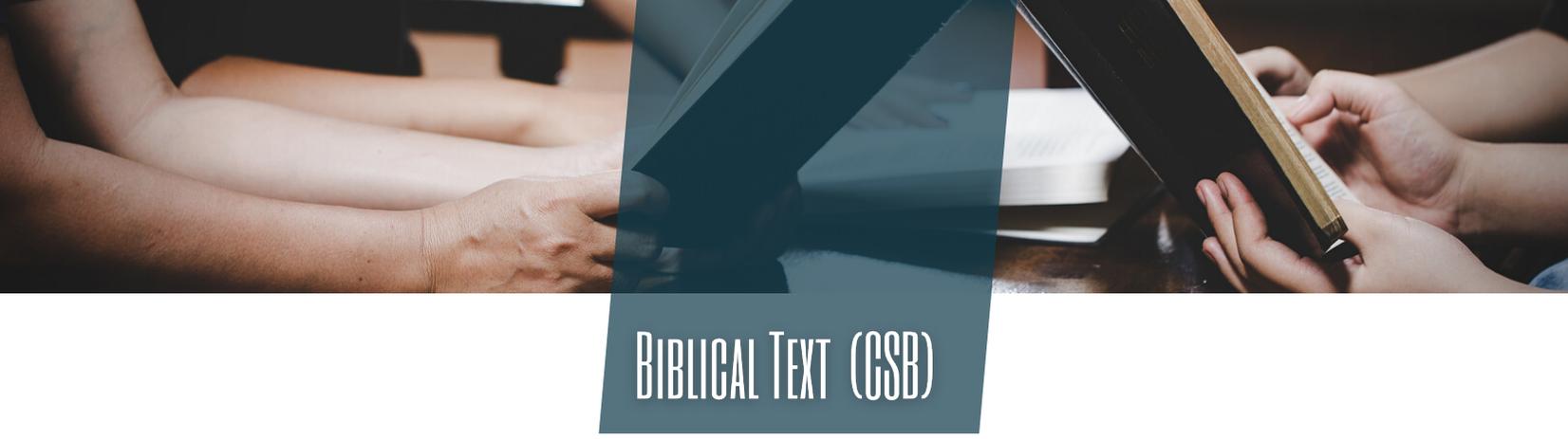
CONNECTING THIS SESSION TO THE SERMON

The leaven, or yeast, of the Pharisees was legalism – the adding of rules to God's Word. The Pharisees and Sadducees tirelessly burdened people with exhaustive rules upon rituals upon customs upon purely man-made fictional laws spoken fraudulently on God's behalf.

In today's text, Jesus contrasted starkly with the "leaven" of the Pharisees by simply asking His disciples who He was to them. Peter's simple, yet profound confession was given to Him by God. Dwell for a moment on its striking simplicity. Then, see the contrast between confessing Jesus as Lord and the immense legalisms of the Pharisees and Sadducees.



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BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB)

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus responded, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. **18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” **20** Then he gave the disciples orders to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER:



- Verse 13-14. Take a moment and answer that question in your group. How would you respond if you were asked whom you say Jesus is?
- The disciples had several answers, just like Herod did a few weeks ago in Matthew 14. So how do the world's responses to who Jesus is, fall flat compared to Scripture?
- Verses 14-15. The disciples answered based on what others had said, but Jesus redirected the question to focus solely on their personal understanding. Why is this so important?
- Verses 16-17. Simon's answer helps us see the need for the Holy Spirit's role in salvation. Can you share when the Holy Spirit opened your eyes to see that Jesus was indeed God's Son?
- Verses 18-19. Why do you think Jesus would change Simon's name to Peter during this particular conversation?
- Verse 20. Jesus commanded us to proclaim the Gospel to the world, yet he told the disciples to tell no one that He was the Messiah. Why would Jesus command such a strange thing?

THE TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT, CHURCH?

WHEN WE DECONSTRUCT EVEN THE WORD "CHRISTIANITY," WE
GET SIMPLY "CHRIST."

IT IS ABOUT JESUS. JESUS. ALL JESUS.

BEWARE ABSOLUTELY ANY ADDENDUMS ONTO BIBLICAL
CHRISTIANITY. TRADITIONS MEAN NOTHING. PREFERENCES ARE
NOTHING. THE SPIRIT OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES LIVES
ON IN EVERY RITUAL, EVERY LEGALISM WE ADD TO
CHRISTIANITY.

JESUS IS LORD. ON THIS CONFESSION, THE CHURCH WAS BORN
AND ON THIS CONFESSION OF CHRIST ALONE WE REMAIN.

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All Scripture points to Jesus. Here is how you can take what God showed you in this text and disciple your child with it! You don't need a seminary degree and you don't need to be perfect. Just point to Jesus. He is perfect.



The question Jesus asks His disciples is the same question continually before each of us, "Who do you say that I am?" We must answer personally. We cannot inherit our salvation, we cannot find it anywhere else, and we cannot simply repeat the words of others. Every person must answer this question for themselves. The greatest thing we can do for our kids is to raise them in the truth of the Gospel continually. Don't simply believe your children are Christians because they grew up in a Christian home. Teach your children that we each must choose to follow Christ personally. Let your conversations drip with God's Word, your prayers for their salvation overflow, and you desire that we would answer Jesus' question personally and for the world around us.

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