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BIG IDEA | Jesus' identity determines my itinerary.

What is Jesus' identity?

Matthew 16:13-17 (NLT)

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 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

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

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being."

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Matthew 16:18-20 (NLT)

¹⁸ "Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

²⁰ Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Victory is found in a place called sacrifice.

Road map to sacrifice:

- **Give up your own ways.**
- **Take up your cross.**
- **Follow Jesus.**

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Matthew 16:21-28 (NLT)

²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his

angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. ²⁸ And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.”

"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." - Martin Luther

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most about this week's sermon?
2. Read Matthew 16:15. Who do you say Jesus is?
3. What is the difference between stewardship and ownership?
How does recognizing we are stewards of what we are given, rather than owners, change our perspective? s
4. Read Matthew 16:21-23. In what areas of your life are you viewing things from a human perspective instead of trusting God's plan?
5. What is in your wagon? What do you need to take out of your wagon to make room for your cross and follow Jesus?
6. How do we as a group challenge each other to know, grow, and go? How can we be better at challenging each other moving forward?