

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Matthew 16:13–20 | Flawed 3: Confess Truth

1. **Icebreaker:**

Can you think of a time when you believed something that later turned out to be false or misleading? What helped you discover the truth?

2. **Read Matthew 16:13–14.**

Why do you think so many people had different opinions about who Jesus was? What similarities do you see between the crowds in Jesus' day and the variety of opinions about Jesus in our culture today?

3. **"A crowd can admire Jesus and still misunderstand Him."**

What are some common misconceptions about Jesus that you encounter in society, media, or even within the church?

4. **Read Matthew 16:15–17.**

Jesus moves the conversation from "Who do people say I am?" to "Who do you say I am?" Why is that shift so important? How would you personally answer Jesus' question today?

5. **"Faith begins where borrowed answers end."**

Have there been moments when your faith moved from being something you inherited from family, church, or tradition to something that became personally yours? What contributed to that change?

6. **Jesus says Peter's confession was revealed by the Father.**

What role do you think God's Spirit plays in helping people recognize the truth about Jesus? How is faith more than simply gathering information?

7. **Read Matthew 16:18.**

Jesus says He will build His church upon the confession that He is the Messiah. Why is a clear understanding of Jesus still essential for the church today? What happens when churches build on something else?

8. **"Humans confess truth."**

In a world filled with misinformation, competing voices, AI-generated content, and endless opinions, what practical habits can help us stay grounded in the truth of Jesus? How can our confession that "Jesus is Lord" shape the way we live this week?