



# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## STUDENTS

1. What is the source behind Peter's confession? Explain how God reveals His Son by the Spirit that it results in confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior.

## KIDS

2. Why is confessing with your mouth so important?

3. What are the keys of the Kingdom that Jesus gives to Peter for binding and loosing? What does it mean for people to be bound for loosed?

4. What was it that Jesus knew he must do? How does that relate to what is bound in heaven?

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5. What does it mean to be censured? Why was Peter censured?

6. How can we, as Christians, set our minds on the things of God?

## MATTHEW 16:16-26

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?