

Big Talks with Jesus
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Matthew 16:1-28
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I. Big Talk #1 Jesus calls for stern correction of those with no faith (v1-4)

II. Big Talk #2 Jesus and “men of little faith” (v8-12)

III. Big Talk #3 Jesus and Peter - saving faith (v13-20)

IV. Big Talk #4 Jesus’ instruction on suffering (v21-28)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What was the intention of the Pharisees and Sadducees in asking Jesus to show them a sign from heaven (v. 1)?
2. Jesus tells His disciples to, “Beware,” which means to guard against. What were they to guard against (v. 6)?
3. PRACTICE: Why is it important to take heed against even a little leaven (incorrect doctrine) in our lives? (See Galatians 5:9 and 1 Corinthians 5:6.)
4. John the Baptist was known for his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 3:2). Elijah was known for his miraculous works and prophetic statements (1 Kings 17-18, 21, 2 Kings 1-2). The prophet Jeremiah was known for his compassion and concern towards God’s people (Jeremiah & Lamentations). Why might the people have said Jesus was one of those men (Matthew 16:14)?
5. Jesus asked His disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15). Share with the group your answer to this question “Who do you personally say Jesus is?”
6. Jesus used two different words when telling Peter, He would build His church. Jesus said, “you are Peter” (Petros), which means small stone. He then said, “and on this rock,” (Petra), which means rock (large rock). What rock is Jesus referring to when He says He is going to build His church upon it? (See Matthew 16:16. 1 Corin 3:11)
7. The Church - What is the church’s role in our society today?
8. Why do you think Jesus told Peter that he was an offense (stumbling block) to Him (v. 23)?

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing name tags.