

MATTHEW 16 Community Group Questions

Matthew 16:21-27

1—When have you experienced Christ this week? When did you feel closest to Christ?

2—Read Matthew 16:21-23. Why do you think Peter responded to Jesus the way he did? Are you surprised at Jesus' response to Peter? How do you think Peter felt when Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!"?

3—What does it look like to be a "stumbling block" for Jesus' kingdom? How can you keep from being a "stumbling block?"

4—Read Matthew 16:24-27. Jesus makes it clear that one must give up something to experience the kingdom here on earth as well as in heaven. If a non-believer asked you, "What must I give up to experience Jesus' kingdom?" what would your answer be?

5—Over your years as a believer, what has been something difficult for you to turn over to Jesus?

6—What does it mean for you to "lose your life" for Jesus' sake?

7—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- Being in alignment with the kingdom keeps you from hindering the kingdom.
- Jesus was in complete alignment with his kingdom purpose.
- Rebuking the kingdom will get you rebuked.
- Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of losses.
- Selflessness will guard your soul.

8—How can you apply these verses in your life? What is one takeaway for you?