

Women's Bible Study 2006/07

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Nineteen: Matthew 16:1–28

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1. Do you think it was a desire to know Jesus more fully that prompted the Pharisees and Sadducees to be shown a sign from heaven in verse 1? Why or why not?

2. a) Summarize Jesus' answer to them based upon verses 2–4.

b) Share a time you wanted a sign from heaven and was this want based from faith or lack of faith?

3. Jesus warns about the yeast (teaching) of the Pharisees and Sadducees in verse 6. What do you consider is a modern day yeast that we should be guarding against? Be very thorough and think of as many spreading evils as possible.

4. Jesus in verses 13–14 asks who people say He is.
 - a) What were some of the answers and why do you think these names were given for Jesus?

 - b) Who is Jesus known as today?

 - c) Who do you say Jesus is? (be very thorough and honest).

5. Peter states Jesus is:

- a) the Christ
- b) the Son of the Living God

Define each in your own words.

6. a) How did Peter gain this knowledge of Jesus according to verse 17?

b) Do you think this applies to your belief in Jesus as well?

c) Have you ever asked the Father to give you understanding of Jesus and what was the outcome?

7. What or who do you think the rock is in verse 18? (just give your own thoughts and be careful to not judge someone else's thoughts as this is a controversial passage).

8. Explain what you think verse 19 means.

9. a) Why did Jesus rebuke Peter in verses 22–23?

b) What is a truth of Jesus that is hard for you to accept?

Going Deeper:

10. Read Luke 9:23–27, Luke 14:27, and John 12:25–26 along with Matthew 16:24–26.

a) Have you taken up a cross in order to follow Jesus? If so, what is the cross for you and if not, why?

b) In what aspects of your life are you trying to save your life and not lose it?

c) What does Jesus say about this in the spiritual realm?

d) How does Matt. 16:24–26 affect your view of walking as a Christian?

