

# All Campuses – May 27, 2018



## **Turning Point**

### **Matthew 16:13-28**

1. Can you describe a “turning point” experience in your life?
2. Why do you think Jesus asked the disciples at this point, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” and “Who do you say that I am?”
3. Peter answered correctly, but in what ways did he still misunderstand?
4. Discuss Jesus words in vv. 17-20 and how he answered this three question:
  - How does one arrive at this discovery about Jesus?
  - What does Jesus mean by “on this rock I will build my church”?
  - Why does this matter?
5. Discuss this quote: “The turning point in our lives is when we stop seeking the God we want and start seeking the God who is.” What did this mean for Peter? What does it mean for us?
6. What does it mean to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus?
7. What motive does Jesus give for following him in costly discipleship?
8. Discuss the following quote from Mark’s sermon: True discipleship means becoming part of this new community called “the church.” And it’s far from a perfect community, as Peter has shown us. In this community you’ll find both exalted spiritual wisdom and degraded self interest. You’ll find saintly sinners and sinning saints. But it’s still his church; his community. There’s many people here in the Bay Area who say they are “spiritual but not religious” and usually that means they’re spiritual but don’t want to have anything to do with the church. But Jesus doesn’t give us that option. He calls unto be part of an imperfect community with keys in our hand and with a mission on our mind.