

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, January 5, 2014

My Church (Matthew 16:13-20)

Please read Matthew 16:13-20 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1. Travis referenced 1 Cor 6:19-20 when he reminded us that we, as believers, do not own ourselves. Is this a new thought for you? How does it impact your daily life?
2. Travis also reminded us that the church belongs to Jesus (Matt 16:18). Do you often think of the church as belonging to Jesus? How does this truth impact your view of the church?
3. Did you commit to any new action this morning in response to your understanding that the church belongs to Jesus? Can you share it?
4. Jesus gave his life to build the church. Do you think he is calling us to give our lives to build his church? (Please read Luke 9:23-27. Notice that his passage comes directly after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ as recorded by Luke.)
5. It makes sense that the church belongs to Jesus, since he owns the individuals who make up the church. Similarly, Jesus owns the individuals who make up our Small Groups. Do you think of your Small Group as belonging to Jesus? How is Jesus calling you to give to your/his Small Group?