

Questions for Denying Yourself Matthew 16:13-28

Warm up

- 1) What's the hardest thing someone has ever asked you to do?

Explore

- 2) Read Matthew 16:13-17. What conclusion does Peter make about Jesus? Why was this so significant? What are the implications of such a statement?
- 3) How did Peter arrive at this conclusion? Why was it important for him to understand this truth?
- 4) Read Matthew 16:18-20. There has been all kinds of debate through the centuries about what Jesus meant by this statement. What's your take?
- 5) Read Matthew 16:21-28. What was Jesus taking issue with concerning Peter's statement? How had Peter lost perspective so quickly?
- 6) At the end of this chapter Jesus makes one of His most challenging pronouncements concerning following Him. How does that challenge still apply to His followers? What is the promise connected to the challenge?

Apply

- 7) What is your greatest challenge in following Jesus this week? What would "denying yourself" look like? Pray through that this week for each other.