

# QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED: WEEK 2

Matthew 16:13-20

## MESSAGE RECAP

Jesus doesn't just invite us to consider what others say about Him—He asks us personally, “Who do you say I am?” This question forces a decision: will we reduce Him to a helpful figure, or recognize Him as Messiah, the Son of the living God. How we answer doesn't just shape our beliefs—it defines the direction, purpose, and surrender of our entire lives.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 16:13-20 together.
  - a. Why do you think Jesus often asked questions instead of just giving answers? What does that reveal about how He wants to work in our lives?
2. In your own words, what's the difference between knowing what others say about Jesus and answering personally, “Who do *you* say I am?”
3. We listed several modern views of Jesus (teacher, guide, life coach, etc.). Which do you see most often in our culture?
  - a. And which one are you most tempted to lean toward personally?
4. Jonathon said we often want “transformation without surrender.” Where do you see that tension showing up in your own life right now?
5. If you're honest, how would you currently answer Jesus' question: “Who do you say I am?” How is that reflected in your daily decisions and priorities?
6. Looking at C.S. Lewis' framework (Liar, Lunatic, or Lord), which option do you believe is most reasonable—and why? What makes the other options insufficient?
  - a. If Jesus truly is Lord, what area of your life is hardest to fully surrender to Him right now (relationships, time, habits, control, etc.)? What makes that area difficult?
7. What is one specific step you can take this week to move from simply believing in Jesus to actually surrendering more fully to His Lordship?