



SERMON NOTES

PETER

*A FLAWED, YET FAITHFUL
FOLLOWER OF JESUS*

Week 3 (August 16):

“Bedrock or Stumbling Block”

Matthew 16:16, 18-19, 21-25; 1 Peter 2:4-5

I. Review/Introduction

- A. Simon Peter’s role in the Gospels is to help shine a light on who Jesus is and to help us understand what it means to be a _____.
- B. The Roman Emperors were thought of as _____.
- C. The disciples are not hearing anyone say that Jesus may be the long-awaited _____.

II. Bedrock

- A. Peter declares that Jesus is the _____, Son of the Living God.
- B. Jesus says “Peter you are the _____ my church will be built upon and the gates of hell will not withstand the onslaught of the church.”
- C. Jesus was giving Peter and through him, the church, the _____ to interpret scripture and to practice church discipline.

III. Stumbling Block

- A. Peter doesn’t understand the kind of _____ Jesus is going to be.
- B. Jesus believes Peter is now doing the work of _____ and trying to keep him from the cross.
- C. Jesus says the requirements for being a _____ are self-denial, sacrifice (take up your cross) and to follow him.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus asks the disciples a question that begs an answer from all of us – “who do you say that I am?” In this moment, Peter declares that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus declares that Peter is correct and that he will build his ‘church’ upon the rock (Peter) and nothing will destroy it. Jesus was giving Peter and through him, the church, the authority to do his work in the world. So, “who do you say that he is?” And what does it mean for your life?

Monday: Mark 10:41-45

Ambition seems to be a natural part of almost all human hearts. But mixed motives and rewards can trigger our ambition, producing good or bad consequences. In what specific ways does choosing to follow Jesus change your approach to life? Is God growing you into a secure, content “servant” primarily motivated to glorify God and serve others?

Tuesday: Isaiah 53:4-7, Matthew 21:33-45, Luke 22:37

Today, it’s easy for us to look down on those religious leaders. They heard God in the flesh tell that vivid story, knew he was talking about them, but still refused to submit to his calling. But ask yourself: to what extent are you willing to trust and submit your life to Jesus? What people and experiences have shaped, either positively or negatively, your willingness to respond to Jesus?

Wednesday: Matthew 16:13-20

Protestants and Roman Catholics have long debated whether the “rock” on which Jesus built his church was Peter the person, or Peter’s faith in Jesus as Messiah. Scholar A. F. Walls wrote, “Even if it could be shown that Roman bishops are in any meaningful sense the successors of Peter (which it cannot), the passage does not allow for the transfer of its provisions to any successors whatever. It refers to the foundation of the church, which cannot be repeated.” In what ways are you (and all Christians) Peter’s successors? In what ways was his role unique and foundational?

Thursday: Matthew 16:21-23

Peter, like almost all first-century Jews, expected a conquering Messiah, a figure of intimidating power. That made it hard for him to grasp Jesus’ understanding of his self-sacrificing mission. What assumptions about life, success and greatness do you have that make it harder for you to accept Jesus’ teaching about a truly great human life? What has helped you move beyond those inherited cultural assumptions?

Friday: Matthew 16:24-28

Today, virtually no one anywhere dies on a cross. So, what do you believe it means for you to “take up your cross” and follow Jesus?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus makes it clear that if we want to be his disciple it will require self-denial, sacrifice (take up your cross), and following him. We all want a convenient faith, but following Jesus requires an inconvenient faith. This week ask yourself the following two questions: Who do you personally say that Jesus is in your life? Are you denying yourself, taking up your cross and following him?

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) disciple. B) gods, C) messiah. IIA) Christ, B) rock
IIC) authority. IIIA) king, B) Satan, C) disciple.*

90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

“Key Themes” Bible Reading Plan

The ‘key theme’ for this week’s scripture passage is ‘Prayer.’ Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the ‘SOAP’ method of reading scripture.

Scripture - First read the scripture passage.

Observation - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that’s relevant to your life and write it down.

Application - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

Pray - Pray about what you just read.

Week of August 9, 2020

Monday: Psalm 102

Tuesday: Matthew 6

Wednesday: Daniel 9

Thursday: Luke 18

Friday: Revelation 8

Full Key Themes Plan

	Topic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalm 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalm 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God’s Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalm 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalm 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalm 10	Psalm 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalm 29	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalm 25	Psalm 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalm 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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