

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE - MAY 27TH 2018
The Gates Of Hell Shall Not Prevail

Read: Matthew 16:13-18 Aloud in your group.....

Note: *This passage is packed with truth. We see Jesus making a 2 fold statement about “the rock” that he will build his church upon.*

#1. The Revelation - *that He is the Christ, the son of God.*

#2. The Location - *that He will build his church in the places of spiritual hostility & opposition. (At The Gates Of Hell)*

Q? Why is it important to understand that the church at its core & foundation must be built on the revelation that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God? **Discuss:** _____

Q? What are some of the faulty foundations churches can end up trying to build the church on if it loses its focus? _____

Q? What statement is Jesus making to his disciples (***including us***) when he tells them that the prime spiritual real estate for building & growing his church is at “the gates of hell”? **Discuss:** _____

Q? What church or mission Paradigms does this confront & why?
Explain: _____

Matthew 10:16 *“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*

Q? What should we understand through this passage & it’s imagery?

Q? Jesus gives the strategy of how to go on mission as sheep in the midsts of wolves. What does wise as serpents & harmless as doves actually look like in your daily context? **Discuss:** _____

Q? How does this passage further clarify or reinforce Jesus statement about setting his church up at the gates of hell? _____

Q? In general, do you think Christians embrace or resist the call to live as sheep amongst wolves? How about you? **Discuss:** _____

Q? Are there ways that you have been able to advance the Kingdom of heaven & the name of Jesus in your secular environments? **OR** - What are some ways you could be more intentional about this? **Discuss:** _____

Close By Praying A Greater Wisdom & Courage To Be Jesus Ambassadors In Our Various Circles Of Influence. Pray For Needs That May Be Present In The Group As Well.