

St Andrews Vision Series Bible Studies

1. JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH

Exciting reminders ...

- Prayer & Praise *this* weds 28th 730-830pm at Church.
- Pls send a SG Photo and/or a short (5 sec) video to amelia.ross@standrews.net.au for thanksgiving dinner ASAP.
- Come to the Thanksgiving Dinner! (Nov 7th). Sign up by Fri 30th Oct. <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1650161>

For Starters

- How do you react to 'Vision' language?
- What do you think of our Church's 'Vision'? "Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ through Belonging, Maturity and Outreach."

Read Matthew 16:13-28

1. What did God the father reveal to Peter? (v17)
2. It is on 'this' rock, (the rock of Peter's declaration that Jesus is Lord), that he will build his church (i.e. the preaching of the gospel). But there is more to this gospel than Peter realises. Reflecting on Matthew 16:21-23 ...
 - What does Peter get wrong? Why?
 - Why is both Jesus death and resurrection necessary for him to build the Church?
3. What confidence can we have that the Church will be built as we share the news of Jesus death, resurrection and rule? Where else might we be tempted to place our confidence to 'build' the church?
4. What is the relationship between Jesus building his church and our building project? What are helpful and unhelpful expectations to place on a building?
5. What is to characterise the people who are built into his Church community? What does the threefold call mean in Mt16:24?
 - Deny self
 - Pick up cross
 - Follow me

6. What is the difference between 'respectfully appreciating' and 'following' Jesus?
7. Christian service can be difficult and even disappointing at times. What encouragement does Jesus give us according to the following verses?
- V17.
 - V18.
 - V18b.
 - V25-27.
8. What are the personal implications of being part of Jesus building project here at St Andrews? If St Andrews is to be a 'Home for growing disciples', how might you express commitment to it?

Sermon Summary: Jesus builds his church: through his death and resurrection, forming a family of disciples who follow him in the way of the cross

Pray together