



# DIGGING DEEPER

## A Movement | 1.7.18

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to [fopc.org/sermon](http://fopc.org/sermon) or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

### PRAY [Have someone open in prayer]

Pray not only for this study but also for what is going on in each others lives.

### MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we started our series The Church is... We looked at the "movement" that is the Church.

### KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...." **Matthew 16:13-19a (NIV)**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out for you in this week's message?
2. Prior to Sunday's message, how would you have answered, "What is the church?"
3. This week we learned about the church being a movement. Who's movement is the church? Who runs our church and "the global church"? Why is this important to keep in perspective? What impact does this have on your faith?
4. Reread the key scripture, Matthew 16:13-19a. Why is this moment such a big deal? Have you ever had a moment where you've been asked, "Who is Jesus?" or something similar? Are you afraid or bold when asked "Who Jesus is?"
5. Our take away this weekend was: The Church belongs to Jesus, the Church is built on the foundation of Jesus being the Messiah, and nothing (not even the gates of Hell) will prevail against the church. What do you think about this? How does this impact your faith? How should this impact our church?

### PRAY [Close your time in prayer.]

Take some time as a group to pray. This week, pray specifically to be a part of the "movement" of the church. Praise God because Fair Oaks Church, and all churches, belong to Christ. Pray for the church to be centered on him as our foundation.