



Small Group Discussion Guide

August 26, 2018

Sermon Title:

"A Case of Mistaken Identity"

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84:1-12

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

Getting Started: Have you ever had one of those embarrassing moments of confusing a complete stranger with someone you knew? What was the outcome? Was there an apology extended?

Discussion:

1. Consider the questions (2) that Jesus asked the disciples in this passage. What might have been Jesus' intentions for asking each one? **(Reference: Vss. 14,15)**
2. What was the disciples' first answer? What were some of the personalities that were mentioned? Why do you suppose others might think that of Jesus? When Jesus directly asked the disciples who they thought He was, what was the definitive answer that Peter gave? **(Reference: Vs. 16)** What do the terms "**Christ**" or "**Messiah**" mean?
3. The Pastor cited other times when Jesus' identity was mistaken. Read these references and discuss each "mistake." Consider any mild similarities Jesus may have had with each one and why He could have been mistaken as such:
 - a) **Jesus.... a ghost on the water (Read: Matthew 14:22-25)**
What time was it when this experience occurred? What other well-known event took place at this encounter?
 - b) **Jesus... the carpenter (Read: Mark 6:1-3)**
In considering Jesus as a carpenter, what skills do carpenters display that could be applied to Him?
 - c) **Jesus... the gardener (Read: John 20:11-16)**
Similarly to the carpenter, what skills do gardeners possess that could be said of Jesus?
4. If Jesus were here in the flesh and were to ask you the same question, how would you respond? (For a much broader answer, Google: "S.M.Lockeridge "That's My King.")

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!**