



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

**THE CONTEXT OF ORDINARY**

**MATTHEW 16:13-20**

**AUG. 16, 2015**

**WRITE OUT YOUR ONE-SENTENCE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:**

Take the Ordinary Challenge card and write out your focus or application for this week on the card.

**GROUP DISCUSSION:**

*Read Matthew 16:13-20 as a group before discussing these questions. After the group discussion, consider breaking up into smaller groups (2-3) where each person can share what steps they're taking this week in their ordinary challenge and how others can pray for them in that.*

**1. SHARE HOW YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE ORDINARY CHALLENGE DURING THE PAST WEEK. WHAT WAS ENCOURAGING OR BENEFICIAL? WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED HELP THIS WEEK?**

**2. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM MATTHEW 16:13-20 OR THE SERMON FROM SUNDAY?**

**3. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT FOR THE BELIEVER?**

**4. WHY ARE THE SUNDAY GATHERINGS AND ITS VARIOUS ELEMENTS (SINGING, TEACHING, BAPTISM, THE LORD'S SUPPER, ETC.) SO IMPORTANT IN KEEPING OUR EYES AND HEARTS FIXED ON CHRIST? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO DO BETTER TO PREPARE FOR SUNDAY MORNING AND BE FULLY ENGAGED?**

**5. ARE THERE ANY STEPS YOU NEED TO TAKE IN LIGHT OF THIS SERMON? (MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISM, CONFESSION OF HIDDEN SIN TO YOUR SMALL GROUP, GETTING INTO A SMALL GROUP, SERVING IN SOME CAPACITY, ETC.)**

**6. IF THE CHURCH IS TO REPRESENT JESUS ON EARTH, HOW DOES THAT SPEAK INTO OUR HOLINESS, OUR MISSION, OUR AUTHORITY, OUR PRIORITIES, AND OUR DEPENDENCE? HOW DOES THIS REPRESENTATIVE ROLE AFFECT HOW WE LIVE?**

**7. HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR ORDINARY CHALLENGE WILL HELP YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND BE ENGAGED AS A MEMBER?**



## LIVE|15 FAMILY FOCUS

For LIVE|15 we are including a family focus to our regular sermon application guide. The goal of this focus is to provide three questions that parents can ask their children in order to help them get the most out of LIVE. These questions can be discussed in one sitting or stretched out over the course of the week, and are intended to supplement the content of KidLIVE, so you'll want to make sure that your children pick up a copy of the Kid's Notes each Sunday of LIVE.

### 1. "YOU ARE THE CHRIST"

*Discuss:* Read Matthew 16:13-20. Ask your children, "**Who do you say that Jesus is?**" Do their friends at school, in the neighborhood, on their sports team, or even in church know what they say about Jesus? Why is it important that other people—both believers and unbelievers— know what we say about Jesus?

*Pray:* Pray with your children that they would confess Jesus as the Christ and live in a way that others know what they confess. Praise God that He opens our eyes to see Jesus (Matt. 16:17).

### 2. FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

*Discuss:* Following Jesus means having relationships with other believers. Ask your children what characteristics they look for when **choosing their friends** (hobbies, activities, interests, personalities, beliefs, etc.). Why does it matter that we have Christian friends? How do Christian friends help us to follow Jesus? Who are their friends at College Park Church? Who has influence upon the way they live and think?

*Pray:* Pray with your children that they would have good friendships with other believers and that they would help each other to follow Jesus. Praise God that He has given us community in the local church.

### 3. KID LIVE CHALLENGES

For KidLIVE, children are being challenged to pick one of the following areas to focus on for the month of August: 1. Prayer , 2. Bible reading/memorization, 3. Trusting God, 4. Loving others.

*Discuss:* Ask your children how they are doing with their KidLIVE Challenge that they selected last week. What are they learning **about themselves** through their challenge? How can **other Christians** help them with their challenge?

*Pray:* Pray with your children that God would further reveal Himself to them through their challenge. Pray that God would work through their challenge to grow their faith and trust in Him.

## **RESOURCES**

### **READ ABOUT BAPTISM:**

Matt. 28:20; Acts 2:41; 8:36-39; 18:8; Rom. 6:1-6; 1 Pet. 3:18

**COLLEGE PARK SERMON ON BAPTISM:** [yourchurch.com/baptismsermon](http://yourchurch.com/baptismsermon)

### **READ ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:45; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:26

**COLLEGE PARK SERMON ON THE LORD'S SUPPER:** [yourchurch.com/lordssuppersermon](http://yourchurch.com/lordssuppersermon)

**BLOG ON "REMEMBERING" IN THE LORD'S SUPPER:** <http://bit.ly/blogon-remembering>

### **READ ABOUT THE CHURCH:**

Matt. 18:15-20; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:11-13; Col. 1:18

**COLLEGE PARK SERMON ON THE CHURCH:** [yourchurch.com/churchsermon](http://yourchurch.com/churchsermon)

### **BOOKS:**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** by Jonathan Leeman

**WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH MEMBER?** by Thabiti Anyabwile

**THE COMPELLING COMMUNITY** by Mark Dever & Jamie Dunlop