GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 23, 2022 MATTHEW 16:13-26 J. Richards

ALL OR NOTHING

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting.

Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What are some of the opinions people have about Jesus today? Who would you say Jesus is to *you*?

2. What led Peter to rebuke Christ according to verses 21-22? Are there times Christians "rebuke" Christ today?

3. What do you understand to be the "things of man" according to verse 23? Suggest some ways even good Christians like Peter can get caught up in the things of man.

4. Compare and contrast the great compliment and the strong rebuke recorded in verses 17 & 23.

- 5. What three things must a follower of Jesus do according to verse 24? What does that mean to you?
- 6. What does it mean to "lose [your] life" for Christ (verse 25)?

III. Making it Personal

7. Peter's conviction about Christ (16) opened up the door for deeper information about Christ's work (21). How are you growing in your understanding of the ways of God?

- 6. How are you "losing your life" for Christ?
- 7. What stood out most to you this week?

IV. Prayer