

THE WAY
THE STORY, CHAPTER
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“...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

Questions for Discussion

1. Recall a time where you thought life was going one way, and then something dramatic happened, and everything changed.

2. What is one of the hardest old covenant ways of thinking that you have had to let go of (or still struggle with)?
 - a) God can't bless me because I'm not good enough.
 - b) I may not be saved because I keep struggling with the same sin.
 - c) I'm unworthy of being close to God because I keep messing up.
 - d) God is angry with me.
 - e) I feel good about myself because I'm not as bad as some other people.
 - f) I've been a good person and God will accept me because I've lived a good life.

3. What are some of the most challenging new covenant ways of thinking for you to adopt?
 - a) Jesus came for all mankind – even His enemies (and even my enemies).
 - b) My salvation is completely based upon Jesus's death and resurrection, and my salvation has nothing to do with how bad or how good I have been.
 - c) I am no longer defined by my past, but rather by my future.
 - d) I am unconditionally loved by God, even when I mess up.
 - e) I am the temple of the Holy Spirit, and He is free to operate in and through my life to bring Christ's love to those around me.
 - f) I am not defined by my limitations or lack, but by who God is in me.

4. How is the Holy Spirit working in your life today?
 - a) I don't understand how the Holy Spirit wants to work in my life.
 - b) I'm scared that I might think the Holy Spirit is talking to me, but it's really not Him, and I'll do the wrong thing.
 - c) I generally go through my day not expecting the Holy Spirit to speak to me or use me to love other people.
 - d) I'm nervous that the Holy Spirit may ask me to do something that I can't do, and so I tune Him out.
 - e) I've had glimpses of the Holy Spirit working in my life, and I feel like I've just scratched the surface as to how He wants to use my life.
 - f) The Holy Spirit speaks to me and works through my life regularly.

5. How is God challenging you in your view of Him being a mobile, global God? How would He want you to respond?
- a) Be more intentional to not just relate to Him only in a church setting.
 - b) Have a greater awareness that I am the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that everywhere I go, He goes too.
 - c) Expect God to minister to people through me, as I step out in love.
 - d) Take a step of faith and reach out to someone that I know He has put on my heart to share God's heart with.