

## **. . . makes a Great Church**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

<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 Christ, 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 man, 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; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.<sup>1</sup>

### **We can feel confident about Christ (13-17)**

*In a world of many options, there is only one Savior.*

### **We can feel certain about the Church (18-20)**

*The Church has a solid foundation and a secure future.*

**A great church**

**is centered on Jesus**

**combines good works and good news**

**is an irresistible influence**

***A Great Commitment to the Great Commandments  
and the Great Commission makes a Great Church***

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. 1996, c1984 (electronic ed.). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.