



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 16:21-17:9
Title: Un-Stuck, Life for God's Glory
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Discussion Starter – How would you describe what it means to be stuck as it pertains to living a life for God's Glory?

Peter Gets Stuck (Matthew 16:21-23)

- In Matthew 16:16-17, Peter is Spirit led in his response to Jesus' question. What has happened since this short time such that Jesus would turn to Peter and call him Satan?
- What did Peter get stuck in, and how is this also applicable to us? How does getting stuck impact our growth as Christians?
- Jesus accuses Peter of not being mindful of the things of God. What does that mean? How is being mindful of God's will lived out practically in our lives? Read Proverbs 14:12. What additional insights are gained from this verse as it pertains to being mindful of the things of God?
- Pastor David mentioned four ways of being mindful of God's will. Look to scriptures for answers, read the bible to know Jesus personally, seek godly counsel and spend time in prayer. Describe what it looks like in each of these four points to be stuck or un-stuck.

Deny Our Flesh to Follow Jesus (Matthew 16:24-28)

- What does it mean to deny ourselves and lose our lives for Christ? What promise does Jesus say we have if we do this? When do we get this reward?
- Read Psalm 119:105 and Ephesians 3:20. What is the key purpose of why Jesus wants us to follow Him?
- What is Matthew 16:26-27 teaching us? Why is this concept so hard for us to grasp and apply?

Jesus is Coming Again in Glory (Matthew 17:1-9)

- Why do you think Jesus included Peter as one of the three He invited to see His transfiguration?
- What is the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah?
- Peter, James and John just got a glimpse of Jesus' Glory, but not His full Glory. What was the purpose for this? Read Philippians 2:5-8. What additional insights do we see being revealed about Jesus here that we can learn from?
- What are the five key takeaways mentioned by Pastor David that we can hold on to that are revealed by Jesus' transfiguration?