



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

KNOWING JESUS AND MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Gain the World or Save Your Soul?
July 27, 2025

Good Morning C3 Family! We are glad you are here to worship and learn from God's Word with us. Today we are going to in the book of Matthew learning about what Jesus has to say about the value of our souls and prioritizing the things of God over the things of this world.

Text: Matthew 16:13–28 (NIV)

1. We must _____ who _____ is.

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:15-16

2. Seek to understand _____ over our _____ expectations.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Matthew 16:22-23

3. Deny _____ and take up _____.

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Matthew 16:24-25

4. Prioritize your _____ over the _____.

²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matthew 16:26-27

****Will you trade the world for Jesus, or trade Jesus for the world?****

Call to Action / Reflection Questions:

1. Who do you say Jesus is?
2. Are you thinking with a kingdom mindset or a worldly one?
3. What cross do you need to take up today?
4. Is there anything you're chasing that's putting your soul at risk?