



## Perspective

### 2nd Confirmation Class Handout

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#### **READ** *The MESSAGE. MT 16:13-20*

**13** When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" **14** They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." **15** He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus replied back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. **18** And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. **19** "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven." **20** He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

**Perspective** is a particular evaluation of a situation, subject or facts that is determined by an individual's point of view (or angle) from which s/he is viewing the situation, subject or facts.

- What were some of the different perspectives people have of Jesus in this story?
- Who do you hear others say Jesus is?
- Why do you think there are so many different answers?
- Who do *you* think Jesus is?

#### **Weekly Challenge**

Find a topic or subject and then name/describe at least two different perspectives (angles) of it. For example:

- Subject: Teenagers having cell phones.
- Protective Parent perspective: I like to be able to reach my child whenever and wherever s/he is!
- Cheap Parent perspective: Too expensive!
- Socially-concerned parent: I want my child to interact with humans, not screens!
- Teenager with cell phone: Awesome! Can I have a better one?