

The King and His People
The King's Keys
Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon Notes for May 16, 2021

The Two Metaphors:

1. This R _____

2. The K _____

Two Realms:

1. The Realm of U _____

2. The Realm of B _____

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Discussion/Study Guide for
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We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Begin this time reflecting on the concept of the Kingdom of God. How would you define it? Is it geographical? Is it present or future? Is it external or internal? What does it mean to you, that Jesus is the King?
- Read Matt. 8:13-20. What is the important question that Jesus asks His disciples? Why is this an important question to answer?
- Who answers Jesus' question? How does he answer? On what basis did he come to his conclusion? What is some of the evidence that Matthew uses to help us know this?
- How does Jesus respond to the answer? Who revealed the answer to the disciple? Why is this important?
- What 2 metaphors does Jesus use to help the disciples understand what their future role will be?
- How would you put into your own words what the two metaphors mean?
- How do these metaphors help us understand what the role of the church is today?
- How does Jesus' statement that the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church encourage you today?
- Read Matt. 18:15-20. How does this passage relate to the passage in Matt. 16? In what realm does Mt. 18 say we are to exercise the same kind of authority and responsibility of the keys of the kingdom?
- In what ways can you exercise your authority and responsibility this week?

