

Create



✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Provide pens/pencils and paper for the writing option or keep an ongoing journal for participants to return to or take home each week.
- Provide and keep a collection of art supplies for each week including but not limited to: crayons, chalk, color pencils, markers, glue, tissue paper, colored construction paper, paint brushes, watercolors, finger paints, scissors, and a variety of scrapbooking paper and old magazines.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ Breath of God

Ask someone to read Matthew **16:13-20**. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

Say: In this portion of the story, Peter learns Jesus' true identity as the Son of Man and learns his own identity as the "rock." Who is Jesus to you and how does a relationship with Jesus change you?

Distribute copies of this page. Invite each participant to choose either the **Writing**, **Visual**, or **Outside the Box** approach and spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

✓ Create — Writing

On a blank sheet of paper, draw a cross using only two lines. This should create four quadrants on your page to fill in. Each quadrant should contain a question for you to ponder and answer either with complete sentences or words that come to mind. Allow yourself to "free write." In the upper left quadrant answer the question, "How do you view Jesus?" In the upper right quadrant answer the question, "How does the world view Jesus?" In the lower left quadrant answer the question, "How does your relationship with Jesus change you?" And in the lower right quadrant answer the question, "How could Jesus impact and change the world?"

✓ Create — Visual

Using the art supplies provided, create:

Create a piece of art that reflects the answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?"

When you complete your work make sure to title it.

After Peter answered Jesus' question about his true identity, Jesus then told Peter who Peter was. He said, "So I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Create a piece of art that reflects this statement from Jesus to you (instead of Peter), "So I tell you, you are _____." Fill in this space creatively. Think of the things Jesus might say to you at this very moment in your life. When you complete your work make sure to give it a title.

✓ Create — Outside the Box

Using the art supplies provided, create:

Write about a time when you recognized who someone "really" was after being around a while. Maybe it took time to get to know their true personality or maybe they tried to mask their true self from you. In either case, how did it make you feel to discover someone's true identity? Did it change your opinion of them? Did your relationship change at all? How and why?

✓ Share

Call the group together. Ask participants to share their creations and their meaning.

✓ Close

Offer a prayer asking God to reveal God's self to us and thanking God for revealing God's self to us.

(After the session, consider finding a way to share the creations of the group- post pictures on Facebook, on a church website, or in a portfolio/frames kept either in a public place in the church or in your group's special gathering place).

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