

**There Will Be A Test**  
**Matthew 16:13-20, Pew Bible p. 820**  
**June 12, 2022**

A culture of discipleship is a place where growing in one's relationship with God is encouraged by those that are part of the culture because they are doing the same.

**I. Matthew 16:13-20**

- A. Followers – follow
- B. Believers – believe
- C. Disciples – follow, believe and obey
- D. Which are you? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Test Types: Matthew 26:31-35**

- A. Personal – That test involves you and God.
- B. Private – That test involves you, God and others connected to the situation.
- C. Public – That test involves you, God and others connected and not connected to the situation.

**III. Test Measures: Matthew 7:21-23**

- A. The test is never about the degree of difficulty.
- B. The test is always about the degree of honesty.

**Final exhortation:**

Give your life to Jesus. Trust and obey Jesus and be anxious for nothing.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Matthew 16:13-20.
2. Who did you first hear express, in a way that you understood, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Did you make a confession of faith at that time? Why or why not?
3. When did you first express to someone that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God in hopes that they would believe and become a disciple?
4. How have you grown or how would you like to grow at sharing Jesus with others in hopes that they will believe and become a disciple?
5. Share a time you believe God tested you (personal, private or public) and revealed His glory in your life? Remember, the test measure is your degree of honesty not difficulty of the test.
6. Share a time when you realized God's test was not about a degree of difficulty but a degree of honesty? A time where you stopped trying to do difficult things for God and was just honest with God?
7. How do you feel about the fact there will be a test? Read Matthew 28:18-20.
8. Pray for our church family to trust and obey Jesus and be anxious for nothing. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Read Leviticus 1-4

June Memory Verses: James 1:22-25



**John 10:14-16 (ESV)**

*14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for the children and adults who made decisions for Christ during VBS.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), LeRoy H. (wife, Kay), David T. & family (wife), Louise R. (husband), and Ed G. & family (mother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), Paul W. (recovery from neck surgery), Jan O. (vertigo), and John E. (eyelid cancer)
- Others that you are aware of