

God Gave Us the Church **Matthew 16:13-19**

Discern the Need

- **New Series:** Thank God for the Church

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Embrace the Word

- **Confession** (vv. 13-17)
 - *Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*

 - *They replied*

 - *But you*

 - *Simon Peter answered*

 - *Jesus responded,*

- **Creator** (v18a)
 - *And I also say to you*
 - *Peter—'Petros'*
 - *Rock—'Petra'*
 - *I will build My church*

- **Crusade** (vv.18b-19)
 - *Gates of Hades*

 - *I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven*

 - *And whatever you bind on earth...loosed in heaven*

Engage the Truth

- **Thank God for the Church**
 - The Church—This Church
 - This Church is
 - This Church was
 - This Church is
 - This Church has
 - This Church can

- **Thank God for this Church**