I. **Matt 16:13-19** - The Church is Under Construction

A. 3 applications of the “church”
   1. **Individually** - “IN you” - The individual believers themselves
   2. **Locally** - “WITH you” - The local body of believers that you are serving with
   3. **Corporately** - “BIGGER than you” - The corporate body of Christ world-wide

B. The Roads Church CORE VALUE: “We are building HIS kingdom: it’s bigger than us!”

C. **V13-14** - Jesus’ 1st question and disciple’s response
   1. What are you hearing about me from others? What is the popular opinion about me? What does society or culture say about me?
   2. “Some” or “Others” say - If we live for people’s compliments we will die with their criticism.
   3. All old examples of past ministries
      a) We cannot have growth and comfort at the same time.
      b) Faith and natural comfort will not exist together

D. **V15** - Jesus’ 2nd question — “But” who do “YOU” say that I am?
   1. Personal question regardless of what “they” say or what “culture” says.
      a) [1 Cor 3:18-20](#) - For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

E. **V16-17** - Peter’s response and Jesus’ answer
   1. **Blessed** - *makarios* - Highly favored, fortunate, happy, favorable circumstances.
   2. **Revealed** - *apokalypto* - To uncover, unveil, disclose; To make fully known what was previously unknown or hidden
      a) [1 Cor 2:14](#) 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
   3. **Peter** (Greek) — *petros* — pebble, stone, piece of a rock
   4. **Simon** (Simeon formal Hebrew name) - He who hears or hearing
      a) *Keefa* (Aramaic) - Stone or pebble

F. **V18** - Jesus says how He will build His church
   1. **Church** - *ekklesia* - The Greek word for “church” is ekklesia and means “legislative assembly” or “selected ones.” A political and governmental term that is used for a group of people who have been summoned and gathered together to govern the affairs of a city. For Jesus to use this term means He is giving the keys of governmental authority in His kingdom to the church
2. **Ps 95:1** 5 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

3. **Matt 21:42** 42…The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

4. **Build - oikodomeo** - To be a house builder; to make or construct by combining materials or parts, to build up, strengthen or establish.
   a) **Build - verb** - Singular - One performs the action, First person - Points to the speaker, Future, active - It is both taking place currently and will continue in the future.
      
      (1) **Phil 1:6** 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

II. **Luke 7:46-49**
   A. **Hears** my sayings and **does** them
      1. What are we doing with what we are hearing?
      2. In the building process we are either part of the CREW or part of the CROWD!
         a) **Matt 16:27** 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
   B. **Eph 4:12-14** 12 for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ

III. **APPLICATION:**
   A. What are you building your house on?
   B. Are you doing your part to help build Jesus’ church?
   C. Are you a part of the CREW or a part of the CROWD?
   D. What are you doing with what you are hearing?