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Supply Lines: Soul Sharpeners (Matt 16:13-28)

Seek out more spiritual support in your life

Warmup: Explain types of challenges you enjoy the most?

READ Matthew 16:13-28

- What truth declarations do the disciples discover in 16:3-19?
- What is Peter's reaction when Jesus tells the disciples he must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead? How does Jesus reprimand Peter? Why is Jesus stern with Peter?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT

- What counter cultural teaching does Jesus deliver in verses 24-26? As you survey Matthew 16, what do the disciples have in common with one another? What is the significance of Jesus teaching the group of disciples rather than relaying His vision to one disciple?
- As a follower of Jesus personalize verses 24-26. Take three minutes to record your statements then share them with the people next to you. What do you have in common with the friends you shared with?
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

RESPOND

- Jesus was Peter's soul sharpener. At times Jesus was stern and sometimes He was gentle; both attitudes reflected Jesus's love for Peter and all His disciples. Which approach makes you stop, reflect, reframe, and change your thoughts or actions?
- What expectations do you have for a soul sharpener? How can they encourage you in the transformation of verses 24-26? Schedule an appointment with a soul sharpener. Now what faith friends will you gather with often to ensure you are moving forward with Jesus?
- How is the Spirit speaking to you right now?

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