



**Intro:** A new Word for 2020!!!

- Rundown of past Words: WORSHIP, CONNECT, DEEP, CONTEND, MAKE DISCIPLES, ONE ACCORD, SABBATH.
- 2020 a year of building in multiple ways...

**Read:** Matthew 16:13-28

v.13—Unlikely setting for breakthru convo...

v.14—Popular opinion: Jesus a good person...

v.15—Jesus wants personal response, not pop response...

v.16—Not just good man, but God-man: the Christ!

v.17-18—Revelation and the Rock...

- Rock as confession of Christ (v.16), not person of Peter (cf. v.23, 1Pet.2:4-8)...

v.19-20—Connecting point and cautionary comments...

v.21—Needing the cross and resurrection before proper proclamation (Acts 1:8)...

v.22-23—Peter's rebuke...

v.24-28—Christ followers calling...

### Building the Church

1) The Church P\_\_\_\_\_: Owned by Jesus

- "...I will build *my* church..." (Eph.1:23).
- ἐκκλησία (church): not bricks but bodies!

2) Jesus' Church Building P\_\_\_\_\_

- Purchase and Permits: v.21
- Ground Breaking: Acts 2
- Subcontract Work: v.19, 18:18, 28:18ff.
- Maintenance and Repair: NT Epistles  
-*Ecclesia semper reformanda est* ("the church must always be reformed")

3) The Church's P\_\_\_\_\_: connecting earth and heaven (v.19)

- Evangelism: inviting people in (Jn.10:9)...
- Edification: growing w/ God (Mt.28:18ff).

## God Made Us a Family

**Pastor:** God made us a family.

**Church:** *We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another.*

**Pastor:** God made us a family.

**Church:** *We work together. We play together. We worship together.*

**Pastor:** God made us a family.

**Church:** *Together we use God's Word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people.*

**Pastor:** God made us a family.

**Church:** *Together we serve our God. Together we hope for heaven.*

**ALL:** *These are our hopes and ideals. Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

