## dGroup DISCUSSION GUIDE



"Gates of Hell" Pastor Bryan James 8-1-2021

**Welcome:** Based on something you've already done, how might you make it into the Guinness Book of World Records?

Worship: Read Psalms 91

Word: Read Matthew 16:13-17

- 1. Why does Pastor Bryan suppose Jesus took the disciples to this place to have this conversation?
- 2. Explain the significance of Jesus calling himself "The Son of Man".
- 3. Why did so many have trouble seeing Jesus as the Messiah? (How did he miss their expectations?)
- 4. Why is the first coming good news? And why, without it, would the coming of the King and his Kingdom be bad news?
- 5. What does Jesus mean, "this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood"?

Read Matthew 16:18-28

- Fill in the blank: You can't have a resurrection without a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. How have you experienced this truth figuratively in your own life? (When is a time you lost your life and then some how gained it? Or vice versa, played it safe and then lost it?)
- 9. Last but not least, is there something God is calling you to surrender to Him right now that you perceive will open the door to new life (in form of opportunities, relationships, etc.) and, conversely, if you do not might cause unneeded suffering?

Witness: Pray and ask God to reveal what you have been holding back from Him. Surrender that over to Him this week and begin to receive the full life that He has for you.