

**Date: September 11, 2016**

**Message: The Real Change Agent, part II**

**Text: Matthew 16:16-28**

## **Introduction**

Finding yourself is in relying on Jesus. This is really hard for your flesh to do.

### **I. Life-Changing Truth Revealed (vv. 16-20)**

*Operating above your pay grade*

### **II. Life-Changing Truth Mistaken (vv. 21-23)**

*Strong rebuke of usual thinking*

### **III. Life-Changing Truth Applied (vv. 24-28)**

*Finding your life in the gospel*

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

## **Conclusion**

- Who builds the church, who is against it, and where do we fit in?
- Why is Jesus so strong in his rebuke of Peter? Do you think this way?
- What does it mean to ‘deny yourself’ and ‘take up your cross’?
- How does this ‘finding yourself’ play out in daily living? What changes?