

# THE CHURCH'S VISION

## WORSHIP

Read Psalm 2 – an Old Testament prayer about God’s future messiah, Jesus.

## FELLOWSHIP

What has been the highlight of your summer so far?

## DISCUSSION

1. Mike’s sermon was about the Church’s vision for the upcoming year – what excited you about the future at Christ Church?

***Read Matthew 16:13-17***

2. What’s the main difference between people’s understanding of Jesus’ identity and Peter’s declaration?

a. Hint: (Don’t Say): Prophets bring a message about God to the people (whether through words or miracles); the Messiah – the Son of God -- is someone who brings salvation to the people.

3. If a poll was taken on who Jesus is in 2022, what would be some top answers?

4. How did the Father reveal Jesus’ identity to you (v. 17)? When did you come to know that Jesus is the Messiah?

***Read Matthew 16:18-19***

5. Based on this passage, what do we learn about the Church?

6. How does this text inspire hope for us as a community?

## PRAYER

Share some prayer requests as a group. If you desire, you can use this prayer by Thomas A Kempis:

O God the Holy Spirit, most loving Comforter of the fainthearted, I pray that you will always turn what is evil in me into good and what is good into what is better; turn my mourning into joy, my wandering feet into the right path, my ignorance into knowledge of your truth, my lukewarmness into zeal, my fear into love, all my material good into a spiritual gift, all my earthly desires into heavenly desires, all that is transient into what lasts forever, everything human into what is divine, everything created and finite into that sovereign and immeasurable good, which you yourself are,  
O my God and Savior. Amen. (Thomas à Kempis - 1380 - 1471)

