DAY 01 |

Principle: *False beliefs entrap men, preventing them from embracing the resurrection power of Jesus in their life.*

Read Matthew 16:1-12, Luke 16:31, John 9:39-41, Isaiah 6:9-10, and 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

1. From what risk or threat was Jesus trying to protect His disciples?

2. What beliefs might be overshadowing your ability to see where Jesus is hoping to lead you?

DAY 02 |

Principle:
Jesus is the rock upon which the church is built.

Read Matthew 16:13-20, Deut. 32:3-4, Psalm 18:2, Isaiah 28:16, 1 Corinthians 10:4, and Acts 4:11-12

1. What do you believe (or others suggest) that the church is built upon? Who do the included scripture verses say it is built upon?

2. Why would Peter's faith (or your faith) be a poor foundation upon which to build the church of Jesus?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
Spiritual pride often leads to spiritual failures.

Read Matthew 16:21-23, 2 Samuel 7 and 11, Matthew 4:1-11, 2 Cor. 12:1-10, and Proverbs 16:18

1. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so shortly after praising him for receiving a God-given revelation about Jesus' identity?

2. Why do spiritual high points in our life often precede significant spiritual failures?

DAY 04 |

Principle: *Self-preservation will lead each man to destruction unless he willingly surrenders his whole self to Jesus.*

Read Matthew 16:24-28, Genesis 22:1-18, John 12:24-25, Romans 6:4-8, and Proverbs 14:12

1. What does each of these phrases mean: “deny himself”, “take up his cross”, and “follow me”?

2. What are you are fighting to protect that may actually be killing you?