

Survey Time

How many of you get hassled about surveys? Whether it is by mail or phone, we get bombarded with corporate stuff about how a product is or that our car warranty has expired.

In God's Word, Jesus takes his own kind of survey. He didn't have a number to call or whether we get 5% off our ticket to heaven. He just asks his disciples a very poignant question just to see their response.

Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

As we read, we see that Jesus is challenging the disciples just to see if they actually know who he is. Peter is the only one that gives him a clear concise answer. I thought for this month that I would ask everyone to complete this survey about yourself just to see where you stand in a spiritual relationship and prayer life with our Heavenly Father.

1. How often do you read scripture and pray? Daily Weekly Monthly
2. Where is church rank on your priority scale? Every Sunday Miss A Couple Not Convenient
3. Does your church provide you with the essentials for a desired relationship? Yes No
4. Name one thing you need to work on with your walk with Jesus. _____
5. Name one thing the Fairfield Circuit should provide to improve your walk with Christ. _____

A survey could be a waste of time in our eyes, but Jesus saw this survey as a way of making sure every disciple knew just who he was and who they were following.

In Christ,

