

Sermon Notes – June 26, 2016
“Misplaced Doubts”
Matthew 16:13-18, Matthew 23
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Matthew 23. What actions and attitudes does Jesus mention that misrepresent God and disappoint people?

- How are we both helped and hindered by the examples of other Christians as we seek to understand and live out the call to be followers of Jesus?

Matthew 16:13-18. Which is more important for Peter and for the foundation of the Church: his awareness of what others think of Jesus or his own assessment?

- Focusing on the Lord himself can remove stumbling blocks to a vital faith that are caused by other people's poor witness. How, in practice, can we do this?
- Matthew 6:12, Colossians 3:13. Consider how forgiving Christians may be an important step in casting off doubts caused by ways that they have wronged us.