

MISUNDERSTOOD?

GROUP 1

What did Jesus mean when He said He would build His Church on Peter?

To understand this, it helps to look at Peter as the first member of the Church—the Church being those who confess a belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Let's look at Scripture.

Read Romans 10:9–10. What must you do to be saved?

Read Matthew 16:16. When Jesus asked Peter who he thought He was, how did Peter respond?

When you compare Peter's response in Matthew 16:16 to Romans 10:9–10, what had Peter done by confessing Jesus as Lord?

How is this similar to the way people become members of the Church—the universal body of believers—today?

GROUP 2

What roles did Jesus and the disciples play in the foundation of the Church?

We could say that the Church is built on the foundation of the disciples with one important note: Jesus is the cornerstone of that foundation. Let's look at the Bible.

Read Ephesians 2:19–22. What does verse 20 say about the foundation of the Church?

According to these verses, in what way did Peter become the foundation on which the Church was built? (Note: The apostles and the disciples are the same people.)

What do these verses mean when they refer to the prophets as a part of the foundation?

What do these verses say about Jesus' role?