**Weekly Reading Notes** **27-02-2022**

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Observation:**  
*(e.g. What sticks out to you? What do you think is the main point? What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? Do you have any questions?)*

**Application:**  
*(e.g. Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe? Something to praise God for?)*

**Prayer:**

**Extra Readings**

*You can use the following to further reflect on the passage / sermon.*

* ***Isaiah 22:15-25; Revelation 3:7-8***

*In this OT text Isaiah addresses two officials in Jerusalem,* ***Shebna*** *(a worthless man) and* ***Eliakim*** *(a worthy man, but inadequate). God promotes Eliakim but he can’t support the weight of Jerusalem’s heavy problems. Verse 22 mentions a “key” referring to the authority of a steward to make binding decisions in the interests of the king. How might this concept relate to the idea of binding/loosing?*

* ***Matthew 1:1; 1:16-18; 2:4; 11:1-2***

*Why is it significant that Jesus is given the label “Christ” in Matthew’s gospel? In your own words how would you describe the term “Christ?” What does this imply for Jesus’ identity?*

* ***1 Corinthians 12:12-27***

*How does Paul view the local church? Why do you think he used this metaphor? How might this look in a western autonomous society?*