

LIFE GETS ROCKY

STUMBLING BLOCKS & STEPPING STONES

Church on a Rock

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: Did/Does anyone in the group have any nicknames?
 - What is the story behind the name?
 - When someone called you by your nickname did you like it? Why or why not?
 - Did you have certain people that could/did call you that name and certain people that couldn't/didn't?
 - If you left your nickname behind, how/why did you do that?
- Exodus Matthew 16:18
 - Pastor Dave taught us that Peter's name (Petros) means pebble while rock (Petra) means boulder! How does this reshape how you've understood this passage?
 - What do you think it meant that Jesus would build His church on Peter?
 - If you don't know google it... What was Peter's actual role in building the church?
- In his teaching, Pastor Dave taught us that in general, people think that if they can't do something perfectly we won't do it at all. Is this true for you?
 - Share a time this was true for you or share a time you tried something anyway.
 - Does this idea factor in when it comes to sharing your faith?
 - What role does sharing your faith have in building Christ's church?
 - Would you say that you share your faith confidently or not?
- Break down the part of the passage that says, "...the gates of hades will not overcome it."
 - What are gates used for? *To keep something in...* "the gates of hades" represents the imprisoning power of death.
 - What does this look like today? How do you see the "gates of hades" actively working to imprison humanity?
 - How does Christ's church create a refuge from death?
 - Pray together.