

# IMCUNITED

## PURSUING GOSPEL UNITY

### **June 11 – Gospel Focus – Community Group Guide**

Mission: We want to be a church that loves audaciously like Jesus loves us.

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20, Acts 2:42-47

Heart Change: We are the church built and unified by Jesus, not a collection of programs and services.

Church Emphasis: A church that loves audaciously is simple and intentional.

#### **Open**

Watch the full version of the YouTube video "The Backwards Brain Bicycle."

The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFzDaBzBIL0>.

What do you believe makes it so hard to learn how to ride the backwards bicycle?

What do you think this example teaches us about how difficult it is to "re-learn" something?

#### **Reflect**

Read Matthew 16:13-20.

What was profound about Peter's statement?

What is the significance of Jesus reply that it was God who revealed this to Peter?

What is the rock that Jesus says He will build the Church on?

#### **Apply**

The church is always referred to in the Bible as a gathering or a community of people. How does this change the normal way that we talk about or view church?

Jesus says that He is the one that will build his church. What does this say about our role in building it?

Based on the passages we read Sunday, we defined the church as "a community of believers being built by and united by Jesus." How do we need to adjust our thinking to "re-learn" what it means to be the church?