**Mark 8:22-30** Sermon Outline and Discussion Questions

Introduction: “no one understood the significance of who was in their midst”

Mark’s gospel so far: the disciples do not understand the significance of who is in their midst

* Highlighted by Jesus’ 5 questions: 8.17-18, 21

***Only Jesus can open our eyes to who he is – it takes a miracle of spiritual sight***

1. A physical healing: blindness to sight v22-26
2. *Why does Mark include this healing at this moment in his gospel? Why is it a gradual healing?*
3. A spiritual healing: blindness to sight v27-30
4. *What are some of the answers your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours would say to Jesus’ question in v27? How can we help them to think about Jesus?*
5. *How is Peter (and therefore the disciples) like the blind man?*
6. *How has your answer to Jesus’ question: “Who do you say I am?” developed during lockdown as we have looked at Mark’s gospel? In what ways do our lives show that Jesus is our King?*
7. *How can we see Jesus more clearly? How is our journey from blindness to sight not yet complete?*