

## **Bible Chat week starting 12th September 2021**

1. What three words would you use to describe Jesus? If you are in a group, answer this question individually first, and then pool your answers to create a joint portrait of Jesus.
2. As you consider the words you came up with, what is missing from your portrait? Can we ever fully describe Jesus?
3. Read Mark 8: 27 - 37
4. What words are people using to describe Jesus? Discuss what was behind their answers in verse 28?
5. What one word does Peter use in the next verse? What does that mean, and why does Jesus want it to remain secret?
6. Consider verses 31 - 32 and discuss them in the light of this quotation from the sermon: *The power of God is not a magnified version of human power. God's victory comes not from ramping up even more power than the power of evil; his triumph comes through his identification with all victims of hatred and violence everywhere.* To what extent do David's words illuminate Jesus' message from the gospel?
7. Reflect honestly on the words of verses 24 - 37. What do they mean to you? How can we live in the light of the ineffable love of Christ?