Mark Lesson 26 (2023)

**PETER’S CONFESSION OF THE MESSIAH**

Mark 8:22-30

**Open it:**

1. When have you ever succumbed to group pressure when you know you should not have?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 22-23. Where did the events of this story take place? What did the people do about the blind man’s condition? Where did Jesus perform this miracle?
2. Read verses 24-26/ What did the blind man see after the first touch from Jesus? What occurred after Jesus touched the blind man a second time? What connection is there between this gradual healing and the disciples’ slowness in understanding who Jesus was? What did Jesus urge the man to do after he was healed?
3. Read verses 27-28. Where were Jesus and his disciples? What did Jesus ask his disciples? How did the disciples respond to Jesus’ question? Why would people think that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the other prophets?
4. Read verses 29-30. How did Jesus make this discussion personal? Whom did Peter say Jesus was? What does Peter’s confession of the Messiah mean? Why would Jesus warn the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah?

**Apply it:**

1. Who do you say Jesus is? How do your beliefs go against the flow of the majority in our world?