

# **SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**“The Messianic Secret” – Pastor Chad Gilligan**

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**1) What is your favorite song right now?**

Read Matthew 12:15-16 – “Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. 16 He warned them not to tell others about him.”

**2) Have you lived through a season that made absolutely no sense at the time?**

**3) Where have you witnessed God’s perfect timing?**

Read Matthew 9:32-34 – “While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. 33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, ‘Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.’ 34 But the Pharisees said, ‘It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.’”

**4) Often, we try to make Jesus into what he is not. How do we remember who he truly is?**

Read Matthew 12:16-17 – “He warned them not to tell others about him. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:”

**5) What is one situation or circumstance you just could not understand?**

Read Matthew 16:20-21 – “Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

**6) Share a story when a season of suffering showed you Jesus.**

Read Matthew 17:9 & Luke 24:45 – “As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, ‘Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’”

“Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

**7) Someday, what doesn’t make sense now, will. What isn’t making sense right now that you would like prayer for?**

**Prayer:** Take time to pray for your group.