



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 5/8/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 5/15/2022
TEXT: MARK 4:21-25

LIGHTS TO SHINE AND SEEDS TO SOW

I. THE LAMP (vss. 21-25)

A. Listen! (vss. 23-24)

B. Listen Obediently. (vss. 21-22)

C. Listen and Go with Divine Intention. (vs. 22)

D. Listen and Go Understanding the Blessing and the Warning. (vss. 24-25)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 4:14-20.** Although there are four kinds of soils in Jesus' parable, how many results come from sowing the seed on them? What is the distinguishing characteristic between them? What is the difference between the soils that produce nothing and the soil that is productive?

2. What is the primary reason that God has left his disciples in the world? What is most important thing for us to understand and know to be effective in the mission that God has given us? In **verses 23 and 24** Jesus instructs us to "listen." What does listening entail?

3. **Read Mark 4:21.** What is the purpose of a lamp? What is the light in Jesus' metaphor? What other ways is that metaphor used in scripture (hint: Psalm 119:105; Matthew 5:16)?

4. **Read II Corinthians 4:6-7.** When did God command light to shine out of darkness? What is meant by Him shining light on one's heart? How is that light expressed? Paul says that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." What is he working to get across by that statement? And what is his point to then say that "the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us"?

5. **Read vs. 22.** What is it that was hidden that in time will be fully revealed, and likewise, what was being kept secret but will fully come to light?

6. **Read vs. 24-25.** What is meant by the words "With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you? What is meant by the words "to you who hear; more will be given"?

7. So, what are we to do with the light and the seed?