

## A Lamp on a Stand - Mark 4:21-25

*Topics:* Accountability, Fairness, Listening, Obedience, Responsibility, Truth

### Open It

1. What kinds of lights do you have in your home?
- \* 2. What is one thing you feel you can do well?
3. How do most of your coworkers measure wealth?

### Explore It

4. With what observation did Jesus open His illustration? (4:21)
5. What did Jesus say would be ridiculous? Why? (4:21)
6. Whom or what does the lamp in this parable represent? (4:21)
7. What did Jesus mean by saying, “whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed”? (4:22)
8. What will happen to what is secret and hidden? (4:22)
9. Who did Jesus want this message to reach? (4:23)
- \* 10. Why did Jesus warn us to “consider carefully” what we hear? (4:24)
11. How did Jesus end His parable? (4:24-25)
12. Who will be given more? Why? (4:24-25)
13. Who will have things taken from them? Why? (4:24-25)
- \* 14. What will happen to those who use or put into practice what God has measured out to them? (4:24-25)
- \* 15. What will happen to those who neglect or misuse the truth God has already revealed to them? (4:24-25)

### Get It

16. What is the meaning of this parable?
17. When have you ever tried to hide or conceal what you know God “meant to be brought out into the open”?
18. When Jesus said that those who have been given more, what exactly did He mean?
19. How would you rewrite this parable to fit our modern-day culture, yet get the same message across?
20. How do you think the people listening to Jesus’ teaching responded to this parable?
21. How can we consider more carefully what we hear?
22. How would you describe the “measure” that has been given to you?
- \* 23. What responsibility do you have before God in light of the truth or knowledge God has already revealed to you?
- \* 24. In what ways do you think God expects more or less of you than others?
25. In light of this passage, how can Christians expect to grow spiritually?
26. Why do you think some believers remain immature Christians for a long time?
27. What does this passage teach us about being examples?
28. What does this passage teach us about telling others about Christ?

### Apply It

- \* 29. What is one specific word of Jesus (a promise, truth, or command) that you can consciously remind yourself of throughout this next week?
30. What is involved in fulfilling the areas of responsibility you have?