

Scripture this week:

Mark 4:21-25

²¹ And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

My Lips AREN'T Sealed

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The astonishing secret of the kingdom that Jesus is bringing is not to be kept to ourselves, instead, we share the joy-awakening and life-giving news freely with those around us.

1. The secret of the kingdom that has been hidden for ages, is now revealed in the person of Jesus, and we have the privilege of revealing that to others.

2. The kingdom has arrived, and God will empower us to shine more brightly as we continue to listen and embrace Jesus.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Notes:

Mark 4:21-25

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize the big idea of Mark 4:1-20?
2. What major theme is similar in this parable of the lamp to that of last week's parable of the sower?
3. Who is the "*them*" that Mark refers to in verse 21? To what does the "*lamp*" refer to in verse 21?
4. In last week's text, verses 11 and 12 show of the secret of the kingdom being revealed as well as hidden to some. What is now being referenced in verse 22 with "*nothing is hidden*"?
5. In verses 23 and 24, we see the repeated use of the word "*hear*". What does Mark want to communicate through the repetition?
6. In verse 24, "*pay attention to what you hear*" is the focus intended to be more on the **content** of what we hear or the **response** to what we hear?
7. In verse 24, who is the measurer and what is being measured?
8. Is the "*more will be added to you*" something we see now or something we experience later?
9. What does verse 25 mean when it says "*even what he has will be taken away from him*"?
10. How would you paraphrase the big idea of Mark 4:21-25?

How does it apply?

1. How would your life be different if there was no light - if you lived completely in darkness?
2. How do we know if we are shining (or hiding) Jesus' light?
3. Can you point to someone who was an example of the light of Jesus shining that encouraged a greater pursuit of Jesus in you?
4. As a group, how do we encourage each other as we determine what our lights look like?