

**Reflection Questions:** How is my appetite for God's Word? What can I do to increase my appetite for it? Do I ever find myself hearing God's Word but failing to live it out? What can I do to change this? How can I make it a habit to humbly share with others what the Lord has taught me? Is there someone with whom you should regularly share what you've learned?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### **Quotes to Ponder**

*It is impossible to stand still when scriptural truth is presented. A person must either advance or decline.*

Louis Barbieri

*Obedience is the organ of spiritual knowledge. Do you want to know more about the Bible? Obey what you know, God will give you more.*

*It's interesting to think that you can reach a certain stage, and then you can come to a block. There is something there that you don't want to obey, and you plateau or even go downward.*

William MacDonald

*The hearer of the gospel will get measure for measure, and the measure shall be his own measure.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Present possession depends upon hearing, upon appropriation or rejection of the word of the Kingdom that has been scattered like seed.*

William L. Lane



Parables

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Is there a link between the parable of the soils (*Mark 4:3-20*) and the parable of the lamp (*Mark 4:21-22*)? If so, what is it?

3. Who is Jesus talking to in *Mark 4:21-25*? Explain your answer.

4. Whom or what does the lamp represent (*Mark 4:24*)?

5. In the following verses, what or who is the lamp or light?

*2 Samuel 22:29* —

*John 1:4-5* —

*2 Kings 8:19* —

*John 3:19* —

*Psalms 36:9* —

*Acts 26:23* —

*Psalms 119:105, 130* —

*Romans 13:12* —

*Psalms 132:17* —

*Ephesians 5:8-9* —

*Proverbs 6:23* —

*1 Thessalonians 5:5* —

*Matthew 5:14-16* —

How do we know what the lamp stands for in *Mark 4:21*?

6. What is the point of the parable of *Mark 4:21*?

How does this fit with Jesus teaching in parables to conceal truth from some? Explain.

7. How does the proverbial saying of *Mark 4:22* explain the parable of verse 21?

8. What is said by Jesus in *Mark 4:21-22* that implies Jesus intends for the whole world to hear the gospel?

9. What is the point of the parable of *Mark 4:24*?

10. How does the proverbial saying of *Mark 4:25* explain the parable of vs 24?

11. How would you describe the *measure* that we've been given (*Mark 4:24*)?

12. When Jesus said that those who have would be given more (*Mark 4:25*), what did He mean?

13. What is the danger of failing to respond to God's Word?

14. Why did Jesus put so much emphasis on proper hearing (*Mark 4:3, 9, 12, 20, 23, 24*)?

15. In light of this passage, how can we grow spiritually?