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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Mark 4:21-25

“This Little Light Of Mine...”

“The Gospel is a fact, therefore tell it simply; it is a joyful fact, therefore tell it cheerfully; it is an entrusted fact, therefore tell it faithfully; it is a fact of infinite moment, therefore tell it earnestly; it is a fact about a Person, therefore preach Christ.” Archibald G. Brown

- I. The Title – 1:1
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ) - 1:14-8:30
 - 1. The Gospel Call (1:14-20)
 - 2. Power Fishing (1:21-2:17) – opposition begins
 - 3. Relationship vs. Religion (2:18-3:6) – opposition grows
 - 4. Team Jesus (3:7-19)
 - 5. Team Jesus? (3:20-35) – opposition escalates
 - 6. Teaching in Parables (4:1-34)
 - a. The Parable of the Soils (4:1-20)

b. The Parable of the Lamp (4:21-23)

c. The Parable of the Measure (4:24-25)

Discussion Questions:

1. What has God been doing in your life recently to make you more like Jesus?
2. What is the connection between the Parable of the Soils and the Parables that follow it? How does the Parable of the Soils help us understand them?
3. In Mark 4:21, who or what is “the lamp” (definite article) to which Jesus is referring? What are the obvious answers to the two questions Jesus asks in this verse?
4. What are the hidden / secret things that Jesus is referring to in v. 22? Is this a contradiction of Mark 4:11-12? If not, what is the point Jesus is making? What hidden / secret things would come to light?
5. What is the point of Mark 4:23? Why does Jesus keep using the words “hear” and “listen”? What kind of hearing is he referring to here? What would this have meant to the disciples who were listening to this parable? What does it mean to us today?
6. What is the point of the parable in Mark 4:24-25? What is the promise for those who listen carefully? What “more” will be given to them? What is the promise for those who don’t listen carefully? What is it that a person “has” that will be taken away from them?
7. What applications can you make to your life from this passage?
 - a. Your daily approach to hearing / understanding / obeying the Word of God
 - b. Your commitment to teach the truths of God’s Word to others
 - 1) Personally (home, work, neighborhood...)
 - 2) Corporately (church, small group...)
 - c. Your commitment to spread the light of Jesus Christ to a dark world
 - 1) Locally
 - 2) Globally
8. Bonus question: What is the connection between these Parables and the two that follow? What encouragement would this bring the disciples of Jesus and those in Rome who read the Gospel of Mark?