

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Are You Listening?"
Mark 4:21-34
Study-14

"The distinguishing mark of true Christians is that they hear and believe the truth."

Mark 4:23-24

Mark 4:33

The Parable: The Lamp –
The Parable: The Gradual Growth –
The Parable: The Mustard Seed –

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Privilege Of Truth Brings The Responsibility Of Sharing, Knowing That God Is Able To Bring Miraculous Growth"

1. Verses 21-25 – Privilege And Responsibility:

2. Verses 26-29 – Patience In Growth:

3. Verses 30-34 – Greatness In Growth:

1. Verses 21-25 – Privilege And Responsibility:

Mark 4:21

"And He was saying to them," – Mark 3:7-6:6 – "The Popularity of Jesus"

Mark 4:1-20 – The Sower And The Seed

1. The "Hard Heart" –
2. The "Shallow Heart" –
3. The "Divided Heart" –
4. The "Fruitful Heart" –

"The distinguishing mark of true Christians is that they hear and believe the truth." Now They Shine!

"A lamp" – Matt 5:15; Luke 8:16-18

(2– Pictures) "A lamp" – This is not a "Candle."

Jesus gives 3 possible places that a lamp can be placed:

1. Peck-measure – “not brought to be put under a peck-measure,”
2. Bed – “under a bed?”
3. Lampstand – “Is it not brought to be put on the lampstand?”

Matthew 5:14

Phil. 2:14-15

Context – Mark 4:11

No greater grace than the revelation of who Jesus Christ is; One's own sinfulness and seeing Jesus as our only hope!

Christians As Light:

1. Reminder To Believers That Our Purpose Is Not To Conceal God's Revelation, But To Openly Display It For Others To Benefit From.
2. Our Life In Truth Is A Rebuke To The Unbelievers, Who Refuse To Come To The Light, Even Though It Is So Readily Available.

Mark 4:22

The Bible is clear that man is a deliberate, willful sinner, who knows and rejects the light of Creation, Conscience, and the Word of God.

Rom. 1:20-25

Mark 4:23-24

“Take care what you listen to.” – “Pay close attention to what you hear.”

3 Reasons Why We Need To Take Care In Listening:

1. We Need To Take Care In Listening – How Well We Hear, Will Determine What Benefit It Will Have Personally Upon Our Lives.
2. We Need To Take Care In Listening – What We Grasp, We Will Be Able To Enlighten Others With.
3. We Need To Take Care In Listening – Our Grasping Of Truth Will Then Allow Us To Receive Further Truth.

Heb. 5:11-12

Mark 4:25

Lesson From The Lamp – “The Distinguishing Mark Of A True Christian Is That They Hear And Believe The Truth. They Reveal, Not Conceal The Truth”

2. Verses 26-29 – Patience In Growth:

Mark 4:26

4 Observations Of Encouragement For Sowers Of The Word:

1. My Responsibility Is To Faithfully Sow The Seed:

Mark 4:27

2. The Sower Patiently Waits:

James 5:7

3. The Growth Comes From God:

1 Cor. 3:6-9

Hebrews 4:12

Mark 4:28

“itself” – Greek – automatos; We get our word “Automate,” or “Automatically.”

1 Peter 1:23

4. Joyful Reaping: Mark 4:29

Lesson From The Sower – “Be Faithful In Our Sowing, Share The Good Seed Of His Word, Pray And Patiently Watch What The Lord Will Do”

3. Verses 30-34 – Greatness In Growth:

Mark 4:30-31

“mustard seed,” – smaller than all the seeds; Jesus used it 5X in the Gospels.

Luke 17:6

Zechariah 4:10

Mark 4:32

1. The Kingdom of God would have a small beginning.
2. Feebleness like the mustard seed.
3. Greatness Of Growth.

"birds" – The bird is Satan. Mark 4:15; Rev. 18:2 But Ezek. 17:23

Lesson From The Mustard Seed – "Small Seed Becomes A Large Plant, So God's Kingdom Will Grow And Include All Nations"

Mark 4:33-34

Application:

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