Light - Luke 8:16-21(Mark 4-21-25) - Sermon

Preface = The parable of the sower was told directly before this sermon. We, from Sunday evening, remember that this parable was about Christians vs non-Christians and what happens when the Gospel is preached to people. We see a contrast in soils as we also see a contrast in those who gladly receive and prosper with the gospel and those who never truly believed or were saved.

Vs. 16 - The Hidden Lamp

1. What we do with our salvation is important to our growth as Christians.
2. This parable is about how we are to go and spread the Gospel and not be like some who hide out because their salvation is secure.
3. Like light throughout a house, the gospel is meant to be shared for everyone to see.

Vs. 17 - Responsibility

1. Just like lighting a lamp and not letting all enjoy its illumination, knowing the gospel and knowingly not spreading it is unbiblical.
2. If you know the Gospel, God will not simply let you sit idly by and not share it. Everything will come to light.
3. This also means that if it is a false conversion it will eventually become apparent as illumination of the Holy Spirit makes us see more of our sin and some people who are false do not want that.

Vs. 18 - Take Heed!

1. We have an obligation to Christ when we hear His Word. Our obligation is to spread it.
2. We are to take heed when we hear the gospel. How we hear the gospel is just as important as hearing the gospel itself.

Charles Spurgeon wrote “Hear attentively, retentively. Hear believingly, obediently. Hear candidly, honestly. Hear devoutly, sincerely. Hear earnestly, spiritually. Hear feelingly, sensitively. Hear gratefully, prayerfully.

Vs. 19-21 - We are Family

1. Whoever hears and does the gospel are called brothers and sisters to Jesus.
2. Jesus had an earthly family with brothers and sisters, but His heavenly family trumped that.
3. Jesus shows us that God is more important than family or family obligations.