



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | FOLLOW

TITLE: LIGHT IT UP

SCRIPTURE: MARK 4:21-25

One Thing Follow-up

How do we listen to Jesus with faith? How do we see the world differently through faith? What do we expect?

Q. Share your answer to one of these questions.

Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture.

Series Review

We are continuing our series called "Follow". We will use this series to help us to understand what it means to not only follow Jesus, but to be a true disciple. This series should help us to reexamine what it means to follow Jesus and commit to wherever it leads and whatever it costs.

Review the Message

We live in a world where people around us are in the dark and they don't know how they got to where they are or how they are going to get out. They need light!

Q. Share of a time when you were stuck in the dark.

Read Mark 4:21-22

Q. How does understanding that Jesus is the lamp help you to understand this parable better?

Q. What characteristic of light do you enjoy the most?

Q. How have you lifted Jesus up in your life?

Q. How can we, as a church, lift him high?

Jesus is a warm light in a dark and cold world! The job of the church is to let his light shine.

The individual church members are simply called to love the people in their spheres of influence. When we take this seriously, beautiful and varied expressions of the gospel go out like light in the darkness.

Q. Can you explain the “beautiful and varied expressions of the gospel” part of the above statement?

It is nearly impossible to spend all of your time with Christians and be obedient to Jesus.

Q. What does this statement mean we should be doing?

“There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed,”

Q. To what or whom is this part of the verse referring?

Even today what God is doing in the world through Jesus seems to be hidden. This will not always be the case.

Q. What is it that we should have that will make this statement true?

Read Mark 4:23-25

Q. Why is it important that we listen?

Q. What action then is required of us?

If you want more Jesus, listen by faith. Do what he says! Let him shine!

Q. How are these verses both a positive statement and negative statement?

Q. Share a time when you struggled to listen and obey Jesus.

Individually-Are we living a life that tells a story of redemption?

Are you willing to open your home?

Are you praying for 3? Can you tell the story?

Corporately-Keep the simple plan of every person being a disciple-maker.

Realize that no one is outside the reach of Christ.

We need to be willing to sacrifice so others might know and live in the light.



**Living It Out
Application**

The world is a dark place and it is desperate for the light of Jesus. We have to be intentional about shining the light of Jesus. We have to be serious about sharing our faith.

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?