

**(THE OTHER) PARABLE OF THE LAMP**

Mark 4:21-25

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• Did you ever play hide-and-seek as a kid or with your kids? Who had the best hiding place?

* Have you ever been in a situation where if you did not use something, you would lose it? Maybe budget dollars or another business resource. Why was this so and what did you do?
* What is something that you tend not to talk about or discuss in public? Why?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Mark 4:21-23. What is represented by the lamp in this story?

* Why is important that the lamp not be concealed?
* What is Jesus trying to teach us about our faith through this story?
* Why is the light that Jesus is talking about “meant to be brought into the open”?
* What are some reasons we might conceal “our lamp” in our community and culture?
* Read Mark 4:24-25. This appears to be an illustration about the use of resources. How does this story related to the previous one about the lamp?
* What is a practical way to “shine the light” to those in your business circle?
* What about a way to “shine the light” in your family or social circle?



• What is one way that you might show your faith in Christ at work this week? Is there a person you can serve, a story you can tell, a situation you can influence?

* How might you find a way to get past “concealing your lamp” because of cultural or societal influences or negatives?
* Who is someone in your circle on influence that may benefit from you talking about faith with them? Being praying that God might open a means for you to begin that conversation.