



Week 17

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: Living Starts with Listening

Sermon Text: Luke 8:16-21

Group Week of: November 12, 2023

Sermon Date: November 19, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Mark's Account – Mark 3:20-34
Day 2	Living as Light – Matthew 5:13-16
Day 3	The Day of the Lord – 1 Cor 4:1-5
Day 4	Losing What You Have – Matt 25:14-30
Day 5	Eternal Family – Hebrews 2:10-18

The Text: Luke 8:16-21

¹⁶ “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. ¹⁷ For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. ¹⁸ Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

¹⁹ Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. ²⁰ Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.”

²¹ He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice.”

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What does it mean when Jesus says, “even what they think they have will be taken from them” mean?
- 3) Are Jesus' words in verse 21 a slight against His family or are they a lesson for the crowds? Prove this grammatically from the text.

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) How often have you heard a good sermon, felt agreement in your heart with what was said, committed to changing behaviors, but then failed to implement those changes as time went on? How common or uncommon is this in your week-to-week experience?

- 2) Case study: Jacob has been going to church for 20 years. At work he doesn't have a reputation as a good or godly guy, nor does he have a reputation as a bad guy. Most see him as a "normal" person. At church he does not actively participate in any ministries. He says that he enjoys coming to church, especially listening to the sermon. He enjoys a good "convicting" sermon and looks down upon preachers who preach a message that is "soft." He prays before meals and reads the verse of the day on the Bible App on his phone but does not engage in personal prayer or study of the Word. He says that he is a Christian and believes he will go to heaven one day.
 - i. Is Jacob living out the Word of God?

 - ii. If you were Jacob's friend, what would you say to him?

 - iii. What do you think Jesus might emphasize to Jacob from the verses we are studying this week?

- 3) Jesus encourages us to live out the Word in obedience and compares it to lighting a candle in a darkened house. How can a Christian living out the Gospel of Christ provide light in a dark world?

- 4) What tempts you personally to "hide" the light under a bushel? It may be helpful to think about specific parts of the Christian life being easier to live out, but other parts of the Christian life being much harder to live out.

- 5) How does the knowledge that one day *everything* will be revealed help you to live boldly for the Lord today?

- 6) Jesus' major exhortation to us is to "consider carefully how you listen." Spend some time reflecting on how you listen. How are you listening well? Where does your listening need to improve? Write your reflections below and share them with your life group. Spend time praying for one another to grow as true listeners of the Word of God.