



### Week 13

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: Eyes to See

Sermon Text: Luke 11:29-36

Group Week of: July 21, 2024

Sermon Date: July 28, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Matthew's Account – Matt 12:38-50
Day 2	God is Light – 1 John 1:5-10
Day 3	Darkened Hearts – John 12:37-46
Day 4	Children of the Day – 1 Thess 5:4-11
Day 5	Christ our Light – John 1:1-5

### The Text: Luke 11:33-36

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>33</sup> “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup> Your eye is the lamp

of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are

unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup> See to it, then, that the light within you is not

darkness. <sup>36</sup> Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of

light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) Explain the lamp metaphor in verse 33 in your own words.

- 3) Explain the eye metaphor in verses 34-35 in your own words.
  
- 4) Explain the comparison of these two metaphors in verse 36 in your own words.

### **Discussion Guide Questions**

- 1) Why do people with unhealthy eyes (darkened hearts) want signs from Jesus while those with healthy eyes accept the signs that they've already been given?
  
- 2) We don't always know whether the light within us is actually darkness. The Pharisees certainly did not think their desire for a sign demonstrated their personal darkness. What beliefs do you think the Pharisees had that made them blind to this?
  
- 3) Is it possible to have great theology and an accurate understanding of the Scriptures yet still be inwardly darkened? How and why does this happen?
  
- 4) Jesus says, "See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness." How can we go about doing that?
  
- 5) How often do you examine yourself in this way? What practices do you engage in to make sure the light within you is not darkness?
  
- 6) Is it possible to be too introspective? What happens to Christians who are always worried about whether the light within them is actually darkness?
  
- 7) While introspection is totally necessary, introspection alone cannot strengthen one's faith, give more light to their eyes, or improve their spiritual health. What must we do if we are concerned about unhealthy eyes and hearts?