



## Mark 4:10-12; 21-25

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus teaches us on how to hear rightly, and why it is important to do so.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 4:10-12; 21-25**
- Why does Jesus teach in parable? How were his parables an act of judgment on some?
- What does Jesus mean that some have been given the secrets of the Kingdom of God?
- Why does Jesus quote Isaiah 6 in v12?
- Who is "the lamp" in v21?
- What are the secrets that will be revealed in v22?
- What is the "measure" in v24?
- What will be given and what will be taken away in v25?

## APPLICATION

- Was it unfair of Jesus to obscure His teaching from those who rejected Him by using parables?
- How do you respond to the idea that God turns some people over to judgment?
- In what way do you let your light shine?
- How or when are you tempted to hide the "your light?"
- Why should you take care how you hear?
- In what way do you "take care how you hear?" In what way can you grow in your hearing?
- Do know someone who had "what he thought he had" taken away? Without sharing names, how did that happen? Could that happen to you? How do you make sure it does not happen to you?
- Have you found that in the seasons of your life when you were actively responding to God's Word, these were the times when you grew the most? What made those days so productive?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?