

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Luke 11:33-36

Current Series: The Stories Jesus Told

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John 8:12b - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Luke 11:33-36 - "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you."

Contemplate the sequence:

1. _____ (John 8:12b)
2. _____ (Matt 5:14)
3. _____ (Matt 5:16)

Internalize the point:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Luke 11:33-36

1. How would your life change without physical and spiritual light?
2. When did you come to see Jesus as the light of life? How did you initially respond? What impact did this discovery have on you?
3. Jesus said his followers are the light of the world. What does this reality entail and how should it make a difference in how a Christ-follower lives?
4. What, if anything, keeps you from letting the light of life shine before others? Have hiding the light or covering the light concealed your witness? In what ways?
5. Is there any sin in your life right now that is diminishing the potential impact of God's light shining on others? If so, what does the Lord want you to do about it?
6. In what ways can you benefit from this message focus, so others may come to the light of life through you?
7. What next steps would the Lord have you take to let the light of life brightly shine through your life?