

## Genuine Disciple or Just Disguised?

Luke 8:16-21

**Luke 8:16-17** \* All passages NIV

<sup>16</sup> "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. <sup>17</sup> For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.



**Matthew 10:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

**Acts 11:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

**Luke 8:18**

<sup>18</sup> 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."

**Luke 8:15**

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it [hold fast - ESV, NAS or cling to - NET] , and by persevering produce a crop.

*Big Truth:*

**Luke 8:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.

<sup>20</sup> Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

<sup>21</sup> He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

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## **Discussion Questions**

### **Luke 8:16-21: Genuine Disciple or Just Disguised?**

1. Is it possible that Americans have diluted the Biblical idea of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? Explain your answer.
2. **Read Luke 8:16-17, Matthew 10:26-27, & Acts 11:19-21.** Based on these passages, what would you say to the person who claims to be a disciple of Jesus who refuses to share the LIGHT of Jesus with others?
3. **Read Luke 8:18.** Now go back & read the context: **Luke 8:12-15.** What is this passage (v.18) talking about?
4. **BIG TRUTH: Genuine Disciples Listen, Love, & Share God's Word.**
  - (1) What distractions can keep you from **listening to God's Word**? How often do read the Scripture?
  - (2) **Read Psalm 119:97-104.** King David **loved God's Word**. What are some principles in this passage that could help us learn to love & cling to God's Word?
  - (3) Share the names of some folks you need to **share God's Word** with...then PRAY for them by name & ask God to give you boldness to share with them.
5. **Read Luke 8:19-21.** Based on our study & this passage, what are some characteristics that demonstrate whether a person is a **Genuine Disciple** or **Just Disguised**?
6. What does God want YOU to do with what we studied today?