



Sermon Series: Kingdom Ways Week 4

Sermon Title: Reveal The Light

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Mark 4:21-25

The bystander effect is a theory in psychology that states that individuals are less likely to help someone if other people are around. As followers of Jesus, we are responsible for witnessing to others to be seen and heard.

Big Idea: Don't Be A Bystander; Actively Engage And Share Your Faith

Jesus came to be seen and to be heard. In this parable, He gave two action steps that are necessary in order to actively engage and share your faith.

1. Listen up

Mark 4:23-25

Jesus was speaking to His followers, telling them and us that what distinguishes His followers from the rest of the world is that we have ears to hear and understand the truth of God's word. At your salvation, the Lord opened your spiritual ears, and the Word of God took on new meaning, and you began to understand it. As a result, we need to guard what we read, watch, or listen to because they impact our lives.

If you don't remain grounded in the truth of God's word, then it will be much easier for the false teachers and unbiblical worldviews to start influencing you and shaping your beliefs. Ultimately, that can lead away from your responsibility of telling people about Jesus.

2. Speak up

Mark 4:21-22

When it comes to telling the world about the good news of Jesus, He tells us that it is the responsibility of all of His followers and, therefore, must not defer the responsibility to someone else. There should be no spiritual

bystanders. If you are a follower of Jesus, it is up to you to show your faith in Him through your words and actions.

This short parable is linked to the previous parable that Jesus taught about the 4 soils regarding those who receive the gospel when they hear it and those who do not.

Jesus uses a lamp to illustrate his point that you have received the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and you are to let that light shine through your life, words, and actions – not conceal it.

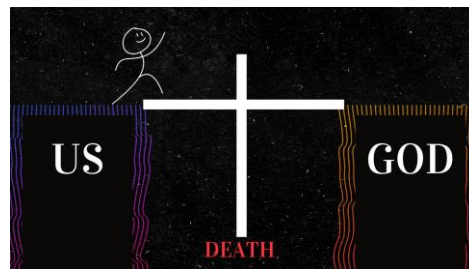
Romans 1:1, 1 Peter 4:16

The world has a growing sense of hopelessness, uncertainty, confusion, and discontentment (**2 Corinthians 4:4**). A growing sense of spiritual darkness is taking over the world. Shine the light of Jesus that overtakes the darkness.

John 12:46

Learn the Romans road so you can share it with others.

1. **Romans 3:23 NIV**
2. **Romans 5:8**
3. **Romans 6:23**
4. **Romans 10:9**



When you are surrounded by the darkness of this world, look at it as an opportunity to shine brighter. Show Jesus to others because He came to be seen and heard. Actively engage and share Jesus Christ with a world that needs to hear His message.

Take what you heard from God's word, be the light that shows people the way out of darkness, and guide them to the narrow road that leads to salvation.

Don't be a bystander; actively engage and share your faith

By listening up and speaking up. God has given you great news – are you willing to share it?

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **It is estimated that 95% of Christians have never led someone to the Lord. What are some reasons for that?**
- **How has your understanding of scripture changed from before you were a Christian to now?**
- **What are some ways you can share the gospel with someone who doesn't understand it?**
- **What is your preferred method for sharing the gospel?**