

Two Stories About Lamps
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Jesus called his disciples “ _____.” “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and praise your Father who is in heaven.” **Matthew 5:15-16**

Jesus is using the image of light to make his point more strongly in these two parables:

- **one in the context of teaching His disciples**
- **one in the context of rebuking His enemies**

Jesus’ teachings are not designed to be _____...God sent Jesus to _____ the Father’s promises.

Each of these stories applies the idea of light to a particular situation and concludes with a challenge.

His disciples were to listen _____ so that they might be able to offer the light of _____ to a lost and darkened world.

There are several parts to Jesus’ teaching in this parable:

- **The world is in spiritual darkness**
- **Jesus is the world’s light.**
- **Those who know Jesus are to become lights as well.**
- **We are to be lights by living and proclaiming the gospel.**

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- *The first part of Christ's teaching is that the world is in _____.*
- *The second part of Christ's teaching is that He is the _____.*
- *The third point of Christ's teaching is that His _____ are to be light also.*
- *The fourth point of Christ's teaching is that it only happens by _____ from Jesus.*

The second story is directed at _____.

The reason for their unbelief was not a lack of _____ but rather, their own warped vision that prohibited their seeing Christ clearly.

*We need to _____ on the light Jesus provides. - "This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and the people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light, lest his works should be exposed." **John 3:19***

*_____ will keep us from Him - "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth..." **1 John 1: 5a-6***

But...if you want the light and you will turn to it - you will find that He is, and has been, shining and that God is already at work to save you through the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.