

Receiving the Light

The light of Jesus' teaching exposes our receptivity for His revelation of the truth.

▶ *"And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'" (Luke 8:9-10, ESV)*

God was revealing Himself, His purposes and His ways in the person, work and teaching of Jesus

▶ *"No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light." (Luke 8:16-17, ESV)*

Hearing and responding to God's revelation of truth positions us for more revelation of truth.

▶ *"Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."* (Luke 8:18, ESV)

Hearing and responding to God's revelation of truth indicates a relationship with Jesus.

▶ *"Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."* (Luke 8:19-21, ESV)
