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Luke 8:16–18

## **WELCOME:**

### Fixing Our Focus

#### **Suggested Icebreaker:**

Ask GG members to share an experience where they had a misunderstanding or failed to understand something, which resulted in confusion. How was the confusion later resolved? Use this to segue into the lesson where Christ warned that those who reject God's Word will lose the ability to understand it.

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## **WORSHIP:**

### Adoring Our God

#### **Suggested song:**

[Have Thine Own Way, Lord](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will allow God's Word to illuminate and expose sin in their lives.
2. GG members will repent of their sins as exposed by God's Word and align themselves with God's will.

### INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, Jesus told a parable about different kinds of soil, which represent different responses to God's Word. Those who receive God's Word and obey are those who bear much fruit. Jesus continued the same theme in this passage.

### **Jesus gave a parable about a lamp (vv. 16-18)**

In this parable, Jesus discussed what one may do to a lamp. They may use it to illuminate the room, or they may prevent it from doing so. This represents one's response to God's Word. Either they allow it to expose sin in their lives, or they keep it from doing so. Jesus said that each response has repercussions.

1. According to Jesus, what is the right and wrong way to use a lamp? How does this reflect the purpose of the lamp?
2. If the lamp represented God's Word, how would the parable relate to people's responses to God's Word?
3. What did Jesus say about secret and hidden things? How do these relate to God's Word?
4. What is the conclusion given by Christ? How is this related to God's Word and the use of parables? (cf. Matthew 13:11-13)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### APPLICATION

We have a choice whether to allow God's Word to illuminate sin in our lives or not. Those who receive the illumination of God's Word will be given more illumination. Those who reject the illumination of God's Word will not only lose the opportunity of receiving more illumination, but even the initial illumination will be taken from them. What is God's Word revealing to you at this season in your life?

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### PRAYER ITEM

Lord God, thank You for the gift of Your Word, both the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and the written Word, the Bible. May we not take them for granted. Grant us sensitive hearts to hear what You are saying to us through Your Word, and to respond in obedience. Do not take away the light of Your Word from our lives. This we pray in the name of the light of the world. Amen. ■





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