



SERIES 2: MARK 4:21-25

Sermon Notes

Text: Mark 4:21-25

Introduction

All of us struggle with the uncertainty of life

Mark 4:21-25

Light isn't meant to be hidden from view, it is meant to be used to light the area

The "secret" of Jesus' identity and the Kingdom was and is veiled for a time, but it is meant to be revealed

Everyone has ears, but not everyone chooses to listen.

Consider carefully what you hear

Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them - This is both a promise and a warning, but it has absolutely nothing to do with money.

The spectacular exercise of power is not always a sign of real strength.

How are you going to respond, to what has been revealed to you about Jesus?

Amidst the noise and the bluster of those who boast of their own power and ability, that we miss the mighty move of God displayed in such simple ways.

Life as a Christian is often about persevering even in the face of uncertainty

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the key to hope and the power to endure uncertainty.

God's purposes cannot be chosen in increments. Life with Jesus is all or nothing.

Jesus wants our willingness to walk with him along the journey of faith.

Conclusion:

While uncertainty is difficult and this season of life is hard, those who persevere in faith have an advantage over others outside of faith. The advantage is that we know both the beginning of the story creation and we know the ending of the story.

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Did you make any New Years resolutions? Share with the group. If not, what's the funniest one you have heard of before?

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?
2. How are you coping with the uncertainty of these times? How are you doing really? What is something you have enjoyed about this season of time? What has been something difficult?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. What are the things that are seen that can make us doubt our faith? What are the unseen things that we can cling to even in the middle trials? Where does our hope come from?
4. What is the condition of our hearts? How do we come to Him and His word? Do we come: Uninterested? Cynical? Been there, done that? With Expectation? How have you seen growth or increase in your life based on how you trusted God (in terms of your relationship with God)? How much does attitude matter? Can you share a time when you felt an open heart benefited you or someone you know?

Practicing the Way of Jesus:

1. Meditate this week on the idea of faith in Jesus. Use a favourite verse about faith to focus your time of prayer. 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Hebrews 11, or Mark 4:21-25 are all great choices too. In prayer, ask Jesus to show himself and to give you an even deeper faith to endure and persevere through life's challenges.

Prayer: