

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Scripture: Luke 8:16-21



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

All who trust in Jesus are adopted into God's family and, as part of their new identity, shine the light of the gospel, listen attentively to God's Word, and live obediently.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What is the point of Jesus' parable about the oil lamp (verse 16)? What light should we allow to shine forth (Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6)? What does it mean to conceal our light?
- Do the people you are around know you are a Christ-follower? Are you taking opportunities to lovingly demonstrate and declare the gospel?
- Why is the gospel often met with hostility (verse 17)?
- How can we grow in our understanding of God, His will, His kingdom, and personal holiness (verse 18)? What is the consequence of careless hearing and lack of heeding God's Word?
- Discuss how the Scriptures are vital and formative to the life of the church. How can we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word of God on Sunday mornings?
- How are verses 19-21 contextually linked to verses 16-18?
- What does Jesus mean by calling his followers his mother and brothers (verse 21)?
- What does it mean to be adopted into God's family, and how is one adopted (Galatians 4:4-5)?
- How do we live according to our new identity? Do you consider the church your family?