



**“Seeing and Sharing the Light”  
Communion Meditation  
Luke 8:16-18; 11:33-36**

**Jesus is the Light**

In these parables, Jesus speaks of sharing the light and of lamps that are on a stand. What is this light? Jesus is the light. Jesus reveals Himself to us in John 8:12, as *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* John reiterates this, saying in 1:4, *“In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not understood it.”* The purpose of light is to shine, to reveal, to show, to illuminate and to guide. Jesus has come to do each and all of these things. In Luke 8, the light is designed to be seen by others. Our faith in and our relationship with Jesus is to be lived out in a visible way. Our faith in Jesus transforms us in such a way that we are set ablaze. In Luke 11, Jesus reiterates that the light exposes our sin and the sins of our world. Will we let Him shine into every part of our lives and hearts? A Time magazine article stated: *“It is the particular heresy of Americans that they see themselves as potential saints more than as real-life sinners...(it is) typically American to fail to place evil in its historic and human perspective.”* Is Jesus our light?

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Jesus makes it clear that we must not only see Him and welcome Him as our light but we must also share His light with others. In Luke 8, we are to make sure His light can be seen. This reinforces what He had said on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14-16, where He says, *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* We are to make sure we carefully listen to Jesus, to be open to the fullness of His light shining in and through us. We must be careful of what we view, or how we view Jesus. Our eyes are metaphors and symbols for our inner soul. We must seek to be filled with His light, turning away from sin, from darkness, from evil. Jesus wants to shine His light into every part of who we are. Will we let Him? Will we welcome this? Will we see Him? Will we look deeply at Him? Will we share Him? Will we make Him the most important and most prominent part of and person in our lives? We can become lights for Christ by living for Him, by being like Him, by repenting and entering into His kingdom, by sharing and hearing His word. If we are to be the light of the world, we can only do so by being like Him. Donald Barnhouse says Jesus is like the sun that lights up the world on its own. We are to be like the moon, whose light is but a reflection of that of the sun. We are to be reflections of Him.