



REPLENISHED – Visibility Matters 2nd May 2021 Mark Wiltshire

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. What is the fastest thing in the world?
 - **Visibility:** Protects, draws, enables action, creates trust
 - **Darkness:** Hides, deceives, can lead to uncertainty and fear
 - *Darkness is the opposite of visibility*

Engage:

2. Read and discuss [Luke 8:16-18](#)
3. To those who listen more understanding will be given. To those not listening, even what they have will be taken away.
 - a. Similar expression to the Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:29
 - b. Similar expression to the Parable of the 10 Servants – Luke 19:26
 - c. Similar idea to the discussion about judging - Luke 6:37-38 and Matthew 7:1-2
4. Ask yourself, “am I spending enough time in God’s Word?”
5. Read [Genesis 1:1-3](#) (God’s Second Miracle)

“The more you search, the more you will understand.”

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Framework:

6. Read [Luke 8:10](#)
7. What was hidden?

“The Bible doesn’t hide things from us, it hides things for us.”

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8. Read [John 8:12](#)
9. What was Jesus drawing attention to?
 - Jesus is referred to as Light elsewhere in scripture - [Isaiah 9:2](#); [10:17](#), [42:6](#), [49:6](#), [Luke 2:32](#)
10. Read [Matthew 5:14-16](#)
11. What was the point of the lamp in the earlier Parable and now in Matthew 5?

“The light of Christ will be hidden from those outside the Kingdom, but the light of Christ should not be hidden by those inside the Kingdom.”

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12. How does the symbol of a lamp relate to us?
13. What are two things that can diminish our light?
14. What things have you allowed to dull your light?
15. What is God’s challenge to us?
 - Do what we can to carry our faith visibly, but with humility
 - God has already placed us to be visible!!
 - He will do everything to lift “us! to a place to shed more light!
16. Read [Luke 11:31](#)
 - The Queen of Sheba responded when she heard about Solomon and his great wisdom given by God; she went to see for herself.
 - Modern historians identify Sheba with the South Arabian kingdom of Saba in present-day Yemen.
17. Read [Luke 11:33](#)
 - With the same reference to the lamp placed on a stand, is the importance of Solomon being visible to the nations so that people could respond and enquire.
18. Read [1 Kings 10:1-6](#)
19. Does visibility matter?
 - *Light makes everything visible:* “for the light makes everything visible.” [Ephesians 3:14](#)
 - *Not about me but Jesus:* “He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.” [John 3:30](#)
 - *Positioned to be visible:* “For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!” [Ephesians 5:8](#)
 - *God will lift us up:* “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honour.” [James 4:10](#)
20. Are people drawn to find out about faith because of what they see in your life?