



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“How Do You See?”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Jesus wants you to see differently than you did before.
2. Jesus’ message reforms reality, helping us to see reality as it really is.
3. The fruit of Jesus’ message is faith unto life.
4. The fruit of faith in Christ enlightens in order to shine.

Key Verse:

“Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

— Luke 8:18

Discussion Questions:

1. What “lens” do you tend to view reality through?

Questions: Pastor Miles emphasized that every person lives with a kind of internal framework — a “mental model” that shapes what we notice, what we assume, and how we interpret life. What are some experiences, fears, or influences that have shaped the way you see the world?

Follow-up: How might sin distort that lens, and how does Jesus restore it?

Further Reading: Romans 12:2 — renewal of the mind

2. Why do you think Jesus cares so much about *how* we hear?

Questions: Jesus says, “Take heed how you hear” (Luke 8:18). Pastor Miles pointed out that hearing isn’t neutral — it determines everything. What are the different ways people can hear the same truth but respond completely differently?

Practical Application: What helps you hear God's Word with openness instead of distraction or resistance?

Further Reading: James 1:22–25

3. Pastor Miles said the goal isn't memory, but transformation. Do you agree?

Questions: He made the striking point that sermons aren't mainly about retaining information — they are meant to reshape how we live and see. Have you ever been changed by a message you don't fully remember?

Follow-up: What would it look like to approach Scripture each week expecting illumination, not just information?

Further Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:18

4. What does it mean that the Word is both “seed going in” and “light going out”?

Questions: Pastor Miles connected the metaphors:

-Seed = God's Word implanted

-Lamp = faith shining outward

How have you seen God's Word produce “light” in someone's life?

Personal Reflection: Where is God currently trying to bring growth and visible fruit through His Word in you?

Further Reading: Matthew 5:14–16

5. Is your faith something you tend to hide or hold forth?

Questions: Jesus says no one lights a lamp and then covers it — the light is meant to shine. What are some reasons Christians are tempted to “cover” the light?

Practical Application: What's one area of your life where God may be calling you to shine more clearly?

Further Reading: 1 Peter 2:9

6. What does Jesus mean when He says, “To whoever has, more will be given”?

Question: Pastor Miles explained that light spreads when it is shared — faith grows outward, not inward. How have you experienced spiritual growth by giving away what God has given you?

Group Challenge: Who is one person in your life right now that may need the light of Christ through you?

Further Reading: Philippians 2:14–16

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.